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Ceremonies And Celebrations

As one issue of the Washington College Magazine goes to press we watch the final events of this extremely busy school year. Or by an 4 plus. In a certain agenda of great food, great weather and great spirits we dedicated the Eugene B. Casey Academic Center in late April. This marked the successful completion of one of the College's most ambitious projects and was the penultimate ceremony of a year celebrating year. In addition to Fall and Spring Convocations, 1990-91 brought us two very important events in Washington College history: the Inauguration of Charles H. Truitt and the officially completion of the Campaign for Excellence.

There are some less formal but nonetheless significant celebrations of this issue.

Dave McCall has been an unsung hero too long and so Marvin Landskroener steps as much as for his efforts to preserve Chestertown's heritage and for working hard to share it with a greater portion of the town's inhabitants. The Benedictine Sisters called by writer Andrea Kenny '89 the shore's "other best-kept secret" is celebrated here for bringing together a very dedicated group of Washington College alumni with a very special group of kids. And Tim Landskroener '91 shares his insight on an important national treasure which seems to be rebounding here on the Eastern Shore, the bald eagle.

There is another "unofficial" ceremony in these pages. With the publication of this issue the Washington College Magazine marks its fourth anniversary.

Four years ago in the debut issue of the Washington College Magazine, guest editor Mary Ruth Yoe '71 articulated the original mission of the publication:

"In reading what we hope will be the first of many issues of the Washington College Magazine, we're writing for a group of readers who also went to different colleges together. Some are in cut the College's architectural and curricular styles have changed. Campus styles of dress and entertainment and extracurricular concerns have varied not only from decade to decade, but also from group to group.

"Yet readers of this publication share a common belief in the value of a liberal arts education, as expressed by a small and close-knit community. That ideal and that community are what we hope this magazine will reflect."

At the four-year anniversary mark, I can flip through the 576 printed pages that have been turned since Mary Ruth launched us with those words and feel that we've done pretty well at living up to them—with good reason.

The Washington College Magazine has perhaps the smallest budget of any college alumni publication in the country but its abundantly rich in resources. There are those who helped birth us, those who have shaped us and inspired us, and those who faithful who still plan through the teams of hope that by some miracle come to fruition as 72 pages. There are the very diverse types who contribute features, profiles and opinions (alumni, alumni, colleges, faculty, customers, students, and a local curmudgeon or two). And there is the unsung staff, for whom I am most grateful of all, who do it all, from donuts to ask for dollars.

In this year of so many transitions—departures and arrivals, exciting beginnings and ceremonious completions—the Washington College Magazine stores as evidence to that which Andrea of Washington College, strong friendships, unique individuals, and the flourishing of imagination.

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THE REPORTER

McFeely Places Eastern Shore In Historic Context

The opening chapter describes the boyhood home of Frederick Douglass. It is Tuckahoe, a quiet creek in Talbot County, on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

"Streams, shaded with trees, divided the fields and flowed to join slow, meandering rivers that, in turn, met tidal waters reaching deep into easy terrain. Frederick's first home was a solitary cabin in the woods bordering a brook that separated the farther fields of two farms owned by the man who owned him. But the boy knew nothing of being owned as he sunk his toes in the clay bottoms of the shallow pools over which skater bugs glided."

Thus William S. McFeely, a distinguished Civil War scholar and the Pulitzer-Prize winning biographer of Ulysses S. Grant, opened his Spring Convocation address as he read excerpts from his recently published biography of Frederick Douglass. The self-taught black man's innocent childhood ended at the tender age of six, when his grandmother delivered him to his master. Douglass later escaped the bonds of slavery to become one of the 19th century's most eloquent orators and writers for the cause of abolition.

Through his biography McFeely helps us understand not only the complexities of who Douglass was, but how society helped formulate his character. (See book review on opposite page.)

McFeely, the Richard B. Russell Professor of American History at the University of Georgia and contributor to several historical volumes, was presented with the honorary Doctorate of Letters. Also recognized during the ceremony for their role in the successful completion of the College's Campaign for Excellence were Campaign Co-chairmen Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. and W. James Price.

William McFeely (right) joins Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. in admiring a collage depicting the new facilities constructed during the successful Campaign For Excellence. Decker and W. James Price were honored for their Campaign leadership during the Convocation ceremony. Price was represented by his brother, Douglas R. Price.

President Charles H. Trout read portions of a letter from Douglass Cater on the successful conclusion of the Campaign.

"Libby and I join you in spirit to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Campaign for Excellence. We hope you can find occasion to pass along to the celebrants our message of gratitude for the partnership with all who contributed to this mighty effort of giving and getting for Washington College. There on the flatlands of the Eastern Shore they built a high mountain of expectation for the College, then raised it higher and proceeded to reach its peak.

"We send special words of love and loyalty to Alonzo Decker and James Price who led this climbing expedition. I count as one of the most serendipitous happenings of my stay at the College when former Trustee Rob Roy led me to Al Decker who agreed to serve on the Board of Visitors and Governors—for a maximum of three years. Nearly eight years later, he has spread

McFeely's Frederick Douglass Illuminates 19th Century America

by Robert Fallaw, Professor of History

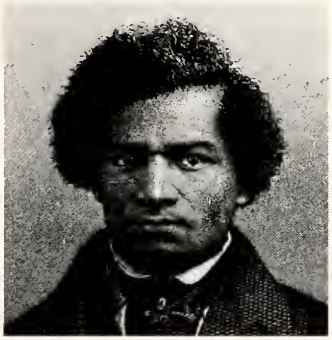
The early biographers of 19th century British and American luminaries used to erect multi–volume monuments of prose that etched in excruciating detail the lives of their subjects. They attempted to recapture the past in all its day-to-day fullness. In our time biographers have redefined their task to include an intensive probing of selected significant turning points that shaped the subject's life and work. The biographer examines a series of consecutive crucial life-events in order to tell us what their cumulative effect might have been. In any event, it is still the claim of the biographer that the past is made up of the lives of all those who lived it; if you want to understand history, read biography.

William McFeely, eminent scholar, teacher, and prize-winning biographer of Ulysses Grant, brought us some sparkling nuggets from his recently published biography *Frederick Douglass* when he spoke at Washington's Birthday Convocation in February. He unfolded a panorama of much of 19th century America, how it intersected with Douglass' life, and how that life was formed by special events and circumstances. McFeely's study is not so much a biography of a black leader given too little attention, but a profound examination and sharpened insight into the values of nineteenth-century Americans in general.

Douglass differed from most of his contemporaries in that his most salient trait was his absolute fearlessness. He would tackle any subject, no matter how delicate, and leave nothing unsaid. In what will become a classic quotation, McFeely says that Douglass "walked boldly and talked clearly in a world noisy with hatred."

Douglass' virtues were a product of a life-long struggle for vindication, to confirm to himself his growing sense of his own worth and even his own superiority over those who would abuse and denigrate him. From this came that self-confidence and charismatic assurance that so impressed whites. The road to respect was long and hard, though. Douglass fought hand to hand with Edward Covey, a notorious Eastern Shore "slave–breaker," in what can only be described as a test of manhood and, suggests McFeely, a homosexual assault. He had to face down a dangerous racist rabble in Baltimore when sent there to labor as a wage-earner in the Fells Point shipyards. With false seaman's papers he left Baltimore and fled northward on a "terrifying" train and ferry ride to freedom.

Free in the north, but constantly threatened with recapture, Douglass refused to live in the shadows. Like Demosthenes he made himself by



sheer willpower an accomplished public speaker and formidable debater. He started the *North Star* in Rochester, New York, despite the opposition of white abolitionists, who were not anxious to see the resources of the movement diluted. Douglass did not shrink from sharply disagreeing on occasion with abolitionism's most famous persona, William Lloyd Garrison, a man whom he greatly admired in many respects.

Douglass also never quietly accepted any racist slur or act, and there were plenty even in the north and England. For example, Douglass often boarded the Boston and Maine Railroad Company cars at Lynn, Massachusetts, but refused even when manhandled to stay in the "Negro car." The railroad company's solution was simple. Whenever Douglass was observed to be waiting for the train in Lynn, the train did not stop there. Yet Douglass was slow to advocate organized resistance. He put great faith in moral suasion and constitutional political action as the proper roads to ending slavery. He finally concluded that slaves had as much right to use force as slaveholders, but he thought the war-like acts of abolitionists like John Brown, while nobly intended, were unrealistic. Despite reservations, however, Douglass did convey some money to Brown before the Harper's Ferry raid, was implicated in the scheme after Brown's arrest, and had to flee to Canada for a while.

Douglass published three autobiographies widely separated by time and intention. All are more in the nature of public exhortations for the cause and not extensively revealing of self and associates. In many ways McFeely explains Douglass better than Douglass. What the author and reader can see almost a century after Douglass' death is that the American public of his day never let him "escape from being thought of as a runaway slave, a remarkable colored fellow." Instead we can see in retrospect that among 19th century Americans "he stood as tall as any." McFeely has done his subject full justice.

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wide his message about 'the joy of giving.' By this measure, he is a most joyful man.

"Al introduced me to Jim Price, which was his single biggest gift to the College. With this team of Tinkers and Evers, there was no need to rely on Chance. In my eyes, they wrote the book on how a small college moves into big fundraising.

"I will resist the temptation to write at book length about all those who made the Campaign a triumph. But our hearts are full of good memories of each and every one."

Following the convocation ceremony President Charles H. Trout moderated a forum in the Casey Academic Center with McFeely discussing various topics ranging from free blacks in Kent County, Douglass's relationships with women and the process of writing biographies of historical figures.

Elizabeth Baer Resigns Deanship

Elizabeth R. Baer, Dean of Washington College for the past six years, is leaving her post at the end of May.

She has accepted a summer fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy and will be a scholar-in-residence at the University of Virginia. She intends to spend the following academic year on sabbatical, completing her book manuscript, A *Century of Virginia Women: Five Diarists, 1787-1882*. The book is under contract with the University of South Carolina Press.

In announcing the Dean's departure in March, President Charles H. Trout expressed his appreciation for all that she has done for Washington College. "This has been an eventful period, and the academic strides Washington College has made owe a great deal to the Dean. Moreover, I want to express my gratitude for all she has done to ease my transition into the presidency," Trout said.

President Trout named John B. Taylor, professor of political science, to succeed Baer as Acting Dean until a national search is completed. Taylor, a specialist in the field of American Constitutional law and judicial process, has taught at WC since 1972. He was presented with the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1989.

Baer joined the administration in the fall of 1985. During her tenure as chief academic officer she has been a strong advocate for academic computing, leading WC's faculty in exploring various applications of computers in a small college, liberal arts setting. Baer recently was elected to the board of EDUCOM, a consortium of colleges and universities devoted to furthering academic computing.

Baer has been instrumental in efforts to establish gender parity within the faculty and greater consciousness about racism and sexism in the College's curriculum. Working with department chairs, she brought the first black faculty members to the College and established five new faculty positions.

Other achievements during her administration include the addition to the curriculum of a new program in Latin American studies and an anthropology minor, newly endowed programs in the fields of public policy and natural sciences, new opportunities for study through the Junior Year Abroad program at St. Andrews University in Scotland and the establishment of various internship programs. The Dean was also involved in setting up the William Smith Scholars program as a means to offer a college education to minorities and women over age 25 from the Chestertown community.

A scholar in the field of women's literature, Baer is the author of numerous articles and reviews, and she has lectured widely as part of a national reading and discussion program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She also serves as a member of the Board of the Maryland Humanities Council.

"I have enjoyed my affiliation with Washington College and wish to thank the College and the community for its support during my tenure. My family and I will always have fond memories of Chestertown and the Eastern Shore," said Dean Baer.

Suspensions Keep Laxers Out Of Post-Season Play

Washington College's men's lacrosse squad will not participate in the NCAA Division III play-offs for the first time in the 12-year history of the tournament.

The Shoremen's play-off hopes were dealt a harsh blow even before the season started when ten varsity players, seven of whom were scheduled starters, were suspended from the team for the season. The suspensions followed an incident in North Carolina during pre-season play. A van carrying the ten players was stopped for speeding by the North Carolina State Police and the student driving the van was charged with driving while intoxicated. As a result of the incident, the College is reviewing its policies on transporting students to athletic events.

Following the suspensions, head coach Terry Corcoran moved quickly to rebuild the team, mostly with underclassman who had played at the junior varsity level last year.

At press time the team record was 3-6, with wins over Franklin & Marshall, Roanoke, and Hampden-Sydney College.

Continuing Education Director Plots New Course

The College's continuing education program is due for a major revamping under the guidance of its new director, Mary Lee Creager.

Creager, a Spanish teacher at the College who accepted the part-time administrative position in mid-February, is working with President Charles H. Trout and Associate Dean Lucille H. Sansing to develop a comprehensive program that will address the needs of at least three sectors of the local community — retirees who want to take college courses for personal enrichment, adults in the community, and, throwing a new slant on the term "non-traditional student," students in grades K-12.

"I see Washington College as the greatest resource on the upper Eastern Shore," says Creager. "I would like to share that resource with much more of the population. Washington College is a place of learning — for rich and poor, young and old. We need to break down the image of Washington College as a pristine ivory tower on the hill."

While the school's mission as a four-year liberal arts and sciences college takes top priority, the College has a social responsibility to members of its community, says Creager. Echoing the message of President Trout's inaugural address in which he envisioned the Eastern Shore as "as a gigantic laboratory alive with possibilities for a contemporary liberal arts institution," Creager envisions Washington College students serving as teachers' assistants in local schools and helping adults learn to read or balance their checkbooks. Washington College faculty would encourage grade-school children to learn and discover their own talents with after-school projects in science or music, for instance.

The continuing education program could be a vehicle that not only provides a center for learning for the community but inspires youngsters to further their education beyond high school. By becoming involved in the community as volunteers and tutors, Washington College students will benefit as well. "Helping someone learn to read may be the most enriching experience they will ever have," says Creager.

"This could be the beginning of a whole new era for Washington College, a new consciousness. If we truly are to use Chestertown as a microcosm of the whole world, everyone has to give and become more involved."

"Austere" Budget Calls For Modest Tuition Increase

The Board of Visitors and Governors has approved a $912 increase in tuition fees to $12,312 annually and a $230 increase in room and board charges to $4,930 annually, bringing the total fees for the 1991-92 academic year to $17,242. This year's increase, at seven percent, is the smallest in more than 12 years.

Given the impact of the economic recession and the leaner earnings of College endowments, the College formulated a budget President Charles H. Trout called "austere" in comparison to those of the last decade.

President Trout told parents in a letter announcing the increase that the additional funds were needed to meet the cost of good teaching. Addressing overcrowding in some classes, three new faculty positions were added this year and next year's budget calls for two more.

"No matter how dedicated the professor, it is exceedingly difficult to flourish if classes are too large," he wrote. "Teachers with heavy loads also need support to stay abreast on their fields, and faculty enhancement is a matter about which I care deeply. This does not come for free."

The budget also supports increased demand for student financial aid support and higher operating costs for fuel, postage, and food.

"In difficult economic times, any increases are not easy to accept," Trout said, "but with inflation nearing six percent, shrinking or level funding from governmental agencies, and lowered income from endowment investments, it has been understandably impossible to hold to a steady state. I am sure all would join me in hoping that the economy will soon evidence renewed vitality and that the successful conclusion of the war in the Middle East will inspire the nation to tackle its domestic problems — not the least of which is support for higher education."

Weekend Laborers For Humanity

by Jim Plaskitt '91

They make campus-wide pleas for shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows, along with volunteers, and urge fellow participants to "wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty." These weekend laborers are members of a new student organization becoming known to the Chestertown community for volunteering ready hands and willing hearts. As members of Hands Out, they represent a new spirit of student activism.

Hands Out was established as a community outreach organization last December when senior Erin Hodge-Williams and freshman Maria Jerardi organized the "Adopt-A-Family" program. Their efforts raised food, clothing and holiday gifts for needy families around Kent County.

The two students hoped the spirit of giving would linger long after the holidays. They contacted various local charitable organizations and put together a directory listing local volun-

Hands Out organizers Maria Jerardi and Erin Hodge-Williams pause from their labors with Janice Fisher, the beneficiary of the Habitat for Humanity project with which students were involved.

teer opportunities for students. Since then, Hands Out has grown into an umbrella organization that puts together volunteer labor crews for community projects.

Their first volunteer project this spring was for the Chester Valley Habitat for Humanity, which helps provide low-income families with better housing. A plea to Hands Out for student assistance resulted in a show of some 80 students who helped dig a new foundation and begin renovations on a donated house for a family who had lost their home in a fire.

Among the student volunteers were members of the women's volleyball and lacrosse teams, as well as the Greek organizations Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Theta. They were enthusiastic in their support of the project.

Jasper Hopper, a freshman pledge for the Sigs, on why he gave up a Saturday for Habitat: "We (Sigs) feel it is important to do our part in helping our community." Sandra McLelland, a member of Alpha Chi, says: "It is important to help other people who need help. It is especially important to bring the college and the community together." And Felicia Shakman, an altruistic senior who brought along a troop of friends says, "I wanted to do something productive for someone other than myself."

Habitat's projects are true grassroots efforts to help neighbors help themselves. Materials and manpower are donated by members of the community, and recipients are required to help with the construction of their home as well as with future Habitat projects, explains Jerardi. The homes are sold to the families by Habitat at no profit and no interest, and the cost is repaid over a fixed time period. That money is then reinvested in new housing projects.

A second Hands Out effort provided the volunteer manpower needed to maintain the nature trails of the Echo Hill Outdoor School. Twenty students turned out for that project, undaunted by torrential rains. Hands Out also organized a tree planting crew of faculty to help Kent County Recycling recognize Earth Day, and put together a crew of students to paint a barn for Camp Fairlee Manor, a camp for the disabled.

"We don't usually segregate faculty from students," says Jerardi, "but both of these projects were scheduled for the same Saturday."

The next phase for Hands Out will be to match individual students with on-going volunteer projects, she says, such as sending someone to visit the nursing home each week, finding a clerical volunteer for the local United Way office, or having someone organize each blood drive for the Red Cross.

"It has been kind of neat to meet a lot of people in the community," says Jerardi. "They treat us as equals, and they are glad that students are taking an interest in community concerns."

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Economics Professor Wins Fulbright

Michael S. Malone, associate professor of economics, has been awarded a year-long lectureship at Cape Coast University in Ghana, South Africa.

He will be teaching international economics and economic theory at Ghana's national university.

It is his second Fulbright award in three years. During the 1988-89 academic year Malone spent a year on the east coast of Africa teaching at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya.

Malone plans to explore the west coast of Africa this summer before beginning his work in Ghana. "The common opinion is that there is more culture on the west coast — at museums here in the States most African artifacts, textiles, and jewelry are from the west and central parts of Africa," says Malone. "And West Africa has much more of a French influence than East Africa, which is English-influenced. It should be a nice contrast to my last visit."

Malone enjoyed that visit tremendously. "Kenya is just gorgeous. It has a wonderful climate and all kinds of topography — tropical rainforests, mountains, the Rift Valley, and coral reefs on the Indian Ocean. Then there is the wildlife, and the people are fascinating — there are many different tribes. I had a wonderful experience."

He found his trip professionally rewarding as well, and he plans to follow up on contacts made in 1988. During his stay he was hired by the University of Nairobi to serve as its external examiner for three years. As such, he reviews examinations, reads masters' theses, and acts as a consultant. He also wrote a textbook on microeconomic theory for use at Moi University that he has been asked to update. And he is helping to organize an international conference on African economic history.

The Dean of the School of Social Culture and Development Studies at Moi University, Mathias Ogutu, wanted to bring together historians and economists to share their current research in African economic history. In 1989, at Ogutu's request, Malone wrote a proposal for funding the conference. After Ogutu's death in 1990, his successor, Joshua Akong'a, asked Malone to proceed with the conference, which will now be a tribute to Ogutu.

Malone has received help with the conference from several prominent U.S. African economic historians, including Philip Curtin of Johns Hopkins University, Margaret Jean Hay, the editor of the *Journal of African Economic History*, and Sara Berry, who is with African Studies Center at Boston University. The organizers are recruiting participants from Europe, North America and Africa.

New Honor Society Established

With the chartering of a local chapter of a national honor society, political science and international studies majors at Washington College can stick another feather in their graduation cap.

Pi Sigma Alpha is a national organization recognizing undergraduate students in the upper third of their class who have demonstrated superior performance in the study of political

Zen And The Art Of Rowing

Ask Washington College's new rowing coach Mike Davenport what lured him to Chestertown and he might say, "Big snow flakes, old cars, and restaurants where everybody knows your name." Ask him what it's like to manage the crew program and he'll quip, "It's like having mushrooms in your yard. One day you mention that it might be nice to have a rowing team, and then overnight you've got 50 kids, three coaches, and two new boats, all out of nowhere."

The tall, lanky coach always carries a generous parcel of jokes and puns, yet he has created a serious stir in the heart of the College's rowing program, which is revitalizing under his guidance.

Davenport became Washington's sixth head coach in the summer of 1990, coming to Chestertown from the State University of New York at Albany, where he had been at the helm since 1987. He succeeds Don Chatellier, who retired from coaching after 35 years at WC, seven as head crew coach. Davenport brings a healthy list of credentials, including his involvement with the United States National Team this past year. He will rejoin the U.S. squad in Havana, Cuba, this summer for the Pan Am Games.

With ten years' coaching experience under his belt, Davenport sees at Washington College an opportunity to take an already established program to new heights.

"Of the 200 small college crew programs in the country," Davenport says, "Washington's facilities rank in the top ten or fifteen. Plus this is a caring environment in a town that shares a special relationship with the water. There have been so many people here who have gone out of their way to help the program."

That kind of commitment is the first step in what Davenport claims is the path to a successful program. The second step is an assembly of good coaches. Davenport hired two top assistants in Peter Martin, who worked for Davenport at SUNY, and Glenn

Merry, a SUNY graduate who has a year of combined coaching experience with both college and masters rowers. The third step, which can be the most difficult, is attracting the right student/athletes to excel in a sport full of irony and paradox.

"Crew is so much of a lifestyle. It's something that grabs you, molds you and turns your life around. It's such a team-oriented sport, yet there's so much attention given to individual effort that it's almost a contradiction. You coach individuals, not the whole boat, but it's not the individual who wins races."

Clearly, crew attracts those willing to endure hours of hard work and little glorification of self, for a team goal. Rowers rise before dawn for early morning practice, then jog down to the boathouse in the afternoon for a second practice sesson.

"We practice probably 120 hours for every six-minute race," Davenport says. "But the reward is immense. Rowers will walk away from this sport with an understanding about themselves, about their strengths, their limitations. I've had parents call and tell me that they can't believe the positive change in their son or daughter, and that's really a reflection on the sport."

Davenport has striven to integrate crew into the routine of campus life. One of the biggest hits this year was the rowing team's successful attempt to break a world's record for consecutive rowing hours. WC rowers spent six consecutive days rowing in one-hour shifts on a stationary rowing machine to post a new world mark of 130 hours. Not only did the event establish a team fervor, it also created a stir campus-wide, as hundreds of students, faculty, and staff cheered them on.

Davenport is eager to establish an annual alumni race to strengthen the relationship between past and present rowers, and to develop an annual Washington College Invitational into a regional event. Perhaps the most vital tradition Davenport seeks to continue, however, is the program's support of academic excellence. Crew has a history of academic achievement as well as a very high rate of post-graduate success, partly because of the students the sport attracts are goal-oriented.

"The tradition of excellence in academics is more important to me than winning on the water," Davenport said. "As for the athletic side of things, as long as rowers strive to live up to their potential, the rest will fall into place."

PHOTO: R. AUSTIN WALMSLEY

College Trustee Sally Hopkins christens the new women's shell, one of two provided by the Hodson Trust.

science and/or international studies.

Twelve students and the five political science faculty members were inducted to the honor society during the chartering ceremony of the campus chapter in mid-February.

John Taylor, professor of political science, says the impact of the national honor society for political science and international studies majors is twofold: First, the local organization will sponsor speakers, and student members will be asked to participate in the extracurricular activities of the department. Second, because there is an honor attached to membership, it will be useful to students seeking employment or graduate school admission.

Pi Sigma Alpha joins four other national honor societies with chapters at Washington College — Phi Alpha Theta for history, Phi Sigma Tau for philosophy, Psi Chi for psychology, and Sigma Delta Pi for Spanish.

Minority Students Organize New Social Groups

Their numbers may be few, but two student minority groups are hoping to make an impact on campus and affirm the value of the Jewish and the black experience.

Only three percent of the student body is Jewish, yet they have come together to organize what they hope will soon be accredited as an Hillel chapter of B'nai B'rith. Named after the 14th century rabbi who was concerned about the bitter relationship between Jews and Christians, an Hillel is a organization providing Jewish students opportunities for social activities and discussion as well as intellectual and spiritual growth.

The idea for an Hillel grew out of one young man's yearning for a stronger Jewish identity on a campus situated an hour-and-a-half from the nearest synagogue. Freshman Mike Frey wrote to College President Charles Trout, suggesting that the College form a local Hillel chapter. He and sophomore Ari Kodeck are working with faculty adviser Steven Cades to obtain the charter.

Cades, professor of sociology, says six to eight students are meeting regularly in anticipation of receiving their formal charter by next semester, when they hope to begin sponsoring events for the general community.

Washington College's black population is smaller than its Jewish population. Only 14 black students are currently enrolled. Sophomore Dawn Israel hopes that a black student union might encourage more black high school students to attend Washington College, while affirming black culture

Matthews '75 Now Available on CD

"Love Dances" may be Sue Dunning Matthews' ticket to the big time. The jazz vocalist who has been wooing audiences in clubs in Baltimore, Washington, and Annapolis has made her first compact disk recording this spring.

Matthews '75 and jazz pianist Stef Scaggiari co-produced "Love Dances," a 13-title collection of popular jazz tunes from the 1930s and 1940s recorded on the SIR Records label. Included are Harold Arlen's "I've Got A Right to Sing the Blues," Cole Porter's "Easy to Love," Gershwin's "How Long Has This Been Going On?" Johnny Mercer's "I Thought About You," and Evon Lins' "Love Dance."

"These are songs I've been singing for years," says Matthews, "and they have just recently become popular again. I've got a pretty nice following over here [in Annapolis] and in Washington," she says, "and I have wanted the opportunity [to make a recording] for a long time. The executive producer had enough faith in me to do this, and we started recording right after Christmas."

Accompanying her are Scaggiari on piano, Keter Betts on acoustic bass, Steve Abshire on guitar, and Mike Smith on drums. These are very talented jazz musicians, says Matthews. Scaggiari leads a trio on the local jazz circuit. Betts traveled with Dinah Washington back in the 1950s and then with Ella Fitzgerald; he and Matthews have been working together the past few years. Abshire plays with the Navy Commodores in Washington and Smith is one of the great jazz drummers.

"It's been a really fun experience for me," she says of the three months of studio work it took to complete the recording.

Scheduled for release in April, the compact disk will be vying for airtime on radio stations and in record stores locally (including the Washington College Bookstore) and in New York.

For information about ordering *Love Dances* on compact disk or cassette, write to SIR Records, 601 Old County Road, Severna Park, MD 21146.

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Career And College Run Neck And Neck For Senior

by Susie Chase '90

Horse racing is often dismissed as the glamorous and frivolous sport of the rich, and the steeplechase is no exception. But talk to steeplechase jockey Brooks Durkee, a senior English major, and it becomes apparent that the glamour and frivolity are reserved solely for the spectators.

Horses and riding always have been an integral part of Durkee's life. A native of Monkton, Maryland, and the son of accomplished show rider Frank Durkee, he started riding at the age of five and participated in the Pony Club races and junior horse races as a youngster.

"My father was always very insistent that I learn all aspects of the horse world. It seems as long as I've been riding I've worked for trainers, helping to muck out stalls and groom, exercise and train the horses," comments Durkee.

The hard work paid off. "When I was in high school I had the opportunity to work for Hall of Fame steeplechase jockey and trainer, D.M. Smithwick. Mr. Smithwick is the only jockey ever to win the Maryland Hunt Cup five times, and he really has had a great influence on me. I learned a lot about being a jockey and trainer from him."

Durkee liked working for D.M. Smithwick so much that he opted to take a year off after graduating from the McDonogh School to continue that affiliation and pursue his career as a jockey and trainer.

"That year was very important for me. My parents were terrific and really supportive of my decision, despite their desire for me to continue my education. I needed that year to realize how important a college education is. Someday, when my career as jockey and trainer have come to a close, I hope to combine my college degree with my love of horses and racing. But right now, to have a career in a sport I love is fabulous. "

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Durkee (right) and his mount, Cotuit, won the 1989 Maiden Hurdle Race in Plains, Virginia.

Durkee's dedication to riding has opened many doors. This past summer, the Amateur Riders Club of America sponsored his trip to Europe. "The whole trip was a fantastic experience — early morning rides along the English Channel, the chance to ride with amateur riders from all over the world — but the high point was winning the race at the end of the trip. I was competing against riders from all over the world and to win was amazing. What made it more of a thrill was that I was on a horse that was not expected to show. I was behind the entire race, even over the last jump and then suddenly this horse just took off!"

Combining a career with college keeps him busy. Every week he commutes between Chestertown and Monkton, where he works for Turney McKnight and cares for and trains two horses of his own.

"It's weird, but when everyone else is gearing up to go out on Friday night, I am trying to relax and concentrate on getting myself ready for Saturday's race. On a race day, I will ride an average of three races. The number depends on how many owners have asked me to race their horses and where they want their horses to run."

Newly engaged, Durkee's fiancee Laurie Kiser is involved with riding as well and helps him manage his work load.

"When you work so hard to develop a feeding, training, and exercise program for horses, you don't want anything to get messed up, because everything affects their health and racing abilities. I am really fortunate to have Laurie because when I am not there she helps out. Laurie is an excellent horsewoman. I don't think I could do it without her."

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as a valuable aspect of campus life. The group also intends to join the local chapter of the NAACP.

Kathy Waye '81, an assistant director of admissions who is acting as adviser to the group, says the College's black students have been very supportive of the College's minority recruitment efforts. They represented the College to Baltimore inner city students during a College Awareness Day, and they have offered to serve as tutors and mentors to local black middle school students next fall.

Other objectives of a black student organization, Waye says, are to provide a support group for blacks on campus, and to raise the consciousness of the student body regarding black issues. The group hopes to sponsor lectures, films, and live music.

What President Trout is doing by encouraging minority groups to organize is giving students permission to be different," says Cades. "What we are saying is, 'You don't have to be white and Christian to get along here.'"

The Eastern Shore's Other "Best-Kept Secret"

by Andrea Kehoe '89
photographs by Ted Mathias '84

There is another private school on Maryland's Eastern Shore to which Washington College has many ties. Several Washington College alumni are employed there. Students serve internships there. And students of the two schools share many things, including hopes for a successful future and an abiding love for Washington College hoops.

It is the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, a residential school in rural Ridgely, Maryland, for the mentally retarded and multi-handicapped. Students and administrators of the Benedictine School and Washington College have forged a meaningful relationship that benefits students on both campuses.

A typical day's flurry of activity overtakes the red-brick Eastern Shore campus. Students pound away at computers, scan letters from home, splash around in the pool. Those nearing graduation talk with teachers about job prospects, while young athletes at practice in the gym dream of adding to the crowded trophy case. In a student lounge, teenage boys bend over a pool table as classmates seated nearby attempt to unravel the mysteries of life on an afternoon soap opera.

But closer up the scene does not look so familiar. Instead of filling in a bluebook, a student here demonstrates learning by combing his hair neatly or counting change correctly. Landing a job in a fast food restaurant is cause for celebration. At the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, success is not measured on the usual scale.

As a residential school for mild to severely mentally retarded children and youth, and for increasing numbers of emotionally disturbed youngsters, Benedictine prepares students for productive roles in society. The school also operates the Habilitation Center, which provides vocational training to help young handicapped adults get jobs in the community, and the Open Community Program, which guides the developmentally disabled in living independently outside the sanctuary of an institution. In effect, the Benedictine School attempts to address the total needs of the handicapped, from kindergarten to first job, from tying shoes to furnishing an apartment.

About a mile down a tree-lined lane off Route 312, amidst flat farmland an hour's drive from Chestertown near Ridgely, Maryland, the facility sits on the 600-acre grounds of the St. Gertrude priory. Under the direction of the sisters of the Order of St.

Crisis counselor David Slama '71 and assistant development director Kathleen O'Donnell '86 give two students a spin on the playground swings.

Benedict, the nonsectarian school employs more than 100 staff members in teaching and helping nearly 200 students and clients.

"Our goal is to help the handicapped become as independent as possible and contributory as citizens," says Nancy McCloy M '74, educational director of the sch l. "We want them to take their skills and talents into the community, to be taxpayers instead of tax burdens."

As one of the most progressive and comprehensive residential facilities for mentally handicapped children and young adults in the country, the school attracts students from as far away as Argentina, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Korea, though the majority come from the Eastern seaboard. More than 90% of its graduates are employed, and many live in the community with little or no government support. Some marry and have children.

Opened in 1959, a time when most of the developmentally disabled spent their lives warehoused in state institutions, the school focuses on fostering self-esteem and allowing the handicapped to develop according to their own potential. "We believe there's more our students can do than can't do," says McCloy. "They're more able than disabled."

The school educates about 125 mentally disabled students, ages five to 21, in a nine-month program and optional summer camp session. A team of speech therapists, adaptive physical education teachers, social workers, and staff psychologists help teachers work on each student's individual problems.

Expectations for progress are high but not rigid, and staff try to avoid comparing students. "If your expectations are too low, the person will become as retarded as you say they are," says McCloy. "But at the same time, for one person success is a job and an apartment in the community, and for another it's mastering toileting and dressing and working in a sheltered workshop."

The school operates out of a sprawling one-story building of 15 classrooms, a library, infirmary, cafeteria, gymnasium, swimming pool and dormitories. Outside is a playground. And though there are plenty of ways to stay busy on campus, the kids get out into the community for bowling, hiking trips, meals out, and Special Olympics competitions.

Daily living skills are as important to the curriculum as academics. The cosmetology room, with two shampoo bowls and three stylists' chairs, offers a place to show students how to wash and style their hair. They also bake brownies and learn to set tables in home economics, and refine motor skills by jumping on air mattresses and rolling soccer balls in adaptive physical education.

On a typical day the Benedictine School bustles with energy. As a young girl on clean-up duty vacuums in the hallway, the school nurse passes, balancing a tray filled with small blue cups of medication. A teacher calls out after a lanky boy who has broken into a run. In the cafeteria, uniformed students look up from their lunch trays to smile and wave at staff members they know.

Bright, wide hallways are decorated with children's artwork and posters of nursery rhymes and good grooming reminders. One wall displays collages showing "Things We Like:" a slam-dunking basketball player, a tennis racket whacking a ball, pizza, George Bush. A bulletin board holds a lost glove, a display case contains an array of frogs made in ceramics class.

Past the primary class where children suck their thumbs as their teacher reads a story, photographs from last year's senior prom are grouped together on the wall. Picture after picture shows young men and women in tuxes and taffeta posed before a mural depicting a vintage 1950s car, couples twirling on the dance floor, hands pinning on corsages. "A prom is a rite of passage for our seniors just as it is for any so-called 'normal' teenagers," explains Nancy McCloy. "We try to provide as many opportunities as possible that their peers in chronological age would experience."

In the dormitories, blankets are smoothed neatly over single beds, stuffed animals rest against pillows. Each resident performs a daily chore to help keep the dormitory clean, and some wings of the dorm offer a special privilege to the "Resident of the Week." The *créme de la créme* of the teenage boys live in the dormitory supervised by Sister Jeannette Murray, the Benedictine nun who directs the school.

Clockwise from bottom left: Jean Rheinhold M'77 gives Ricky Carmichael some pointers in the kitchen; Nia Janyska silkscreens a T-shirt in the Industrial Training Center; alumni Linda Smith M'83, Nancy McCloy M'74, Dave Slama M'78, Rheinhold, and Kathleen O'Donnell '86 take time out to play with students; Slama works with Henry Cofiell.

In a far wing of the building is the Industrial Training Center (ITC), where students get training for contract work, silkscreening, photography and furniture assembly. Individuals, businesses, and factories contract with the ITC to provide goods or services, such as assembling computer cleaning kits or packaging medicine. Dixon Valve & Coupling Co. in Chestertown became the ITC's first customer in 1983 when it signed a contract for students to assemble clamps for industrial water hoses.

Neat rows of shelves hold hats, mugs, T-shirts and sweatshirts printed here. Students sit at tables in the center of the room, steadily at work taking tangles of plastic forks from cardboard boxes and sitting them sideways in smaller packages. Nearby, a young woman pauses in silkscreening a green duck design to say hello to a staff member. Her polite greeting is no small achievement; when she first came to the school she was socially withdrawn and barked or meowed rather than speak. She now carries on normal conversation and lives in a group home run by the school.

"They really make a difference every day in children's lives," Kathleen O'Donnell '86, the assistant director of the development office, says of the School's staff members. "There are kids I met when I first came here two years ago who have made amazing progress. That's great to see."

Benedictine is full of such success stories. The staff tell of a mildly retarded girl who entered the school at age 14 with third grade level reading skills and a motor deficit that made writing difficult. With a history of disobedience, she had passed through a series of foster homes. No one knew how long she would make it at Benedictine. Psychologists and teachers helped her gradually gain control of her behavior; she became less disruptive and disrespectful and stopped using inappropriate language. Now, three years later, she has established close friendships at the school and acts as a "big sister" to younger children.

One former student and client came to Benedictine after public school spe-

cial education programs could no longer manage him. His behavior brought under control, he eventually graduated from the Habilitation Center and began work as a residential assistant at the school. Mildly retarded, he drives a car and maintains his own apartment. "If you talked to him, you wouldn't be able to distinguish him from any other staff person who graduated in the usual fashion from high school," says McCloy. "In fact, he has more social graces than others who aren't handicapped. He blossomed here, and now he's a terrific role model for our students."

Behavioral improvements for students will be a little easier now that the school has established a resource room, a place where disruptive students can be taken to be calmed while the classes they interrupted quickly resume. If a student is particularly upset or acting violently, he can be sent to the time-out room, a thickly-padded 10' x 12' room free of distractions and painted and lit to provide a soothing environment. A small window allows staff to see when the student has regained control.

"They can't hurt themselves in there," points out crisis counselor Dave Slama '71, M '78, who receives about six to eight referrals to the resource room each day. "There are no pictures, nothing to serve as a source of stimulation." Slama works to find patterns in a student's history of behavioral problems. If he can establish what triggers an incident, the pattern can be broken.

That's how he cracked the case of one girl sent to the resource room repeatedly for hitting, biting, screaming and banging her head against the wall. Slama linked the behavior to a point in the day when she felt tired and hungry, and a before-lunch snack was worked into her schedule. He plans to computerize his log books to make spotting such patterns easier. "It's sort of mind-boggling to consider how far we've come," says Slama. "We're not using this room just as a place of punishment. It can be used for a lot of other things besides."

Across the street from the school is the Habilitation Center, a two-year residential vocational training program for about 40 young adults ages 18 to 21. Most of these clients are mildly or moderately mentally retarded, and all hold jobs either on campus or in the community.

About a decade ago, the Center moved away from guiding its clients in sorting beads by color and paper clips by size, the typical instruction given the developmentally disabled. Reasoning that the traditional system of vocational training usually led only to sheltered workshop employment at a wage far below minimum and in an environment limited to the handicapped, the Center set up its own commercial enterprises in order to teach more meaningful job skills. Clients can work at an on-campus service station and car wash, fold sheets in the laundry service, or poke around with the plants in the greenhouse. The Busy Bee, an office and home cleaning service, runs its own vans around the community every day.

"These people can do so much more than people recognize," says David Quinn '87, a vocational supervisor at the Center. "There's so much misunderstanding of what the mentally handicapped can accomplish." Clients learn not only job skills but budgeting, meal planning, first aid, and personal safety. Particular emphasis is placed on appropriate job habits and attitudes, such as following directions, arriving at work on time, and getting along with co-workers. To replicate a typical work experience, clients punch in and out on a time clock each day.

Close to 95 percent of the Habilitation Center's graduates have found jobs, in stores and restaurants, nursing homes, inns, car washes, or lawn maintenance services. One graduate, a young man with Down's Syndrome who now vacuums out cars at a Jiffy Lube on the Eastern Shore, has won special praise from his supervisor, who wishes his other employees were as prompt and dependable. Others have managed to fit in easily with non-handicapped colleagues, even getting calls from former co-workers who miss them when they go on to other jobs.

When things don't go so well in a job placement, a counselor from the Habilitation Center steps in to straighten out the problem. "It can be frustrating when you take the time to

Clockwise from top: school psychologist Linda Hague-Crew '79 assesses Robert Zerance's progress; David Quinn '87 in shop; educational director Nancy McCloy.

get a client in a job and something goes wrong," says Quinn. "Most of the time you can clear it up."

The Open Community Program, the housing aspect of the School's services, provides "the gateway to independent living" for 40 clients who have jobs in the community. Since a mentally handicapped adult can wait as long as five years for public housing, this program helps keep the disabled in the marketplace rather than in their parents' homes, where independent living and vocational skills often erode.

The Benedictine School operates 14 homes in Maryland and one in Delaware to guide clients in cooking, cleaning, laundry, paying bills and managing banking accounts, using public transportation, and socializing with friends and neighbors. Used as a model for other programs, Benedictine's residences include group homes, which are permanent placements for clients who lack the capabilities to live alone, as well as transitional homes, where supervision is gradually phased out as clients practice living and working in the community. Many progress to semi-independent living, requiring only drop-in supervision. Some clients even have applied for home mortgages.

The Open Community program is one of the main fronts in the battle against misconceptions about the mentally handicapped. Some people confuse mentally retarded with mentally ill, and worry about threats to safety and declines in property value. Benedictine group homes have been targets of vandalism in the past, and just two years ago the program had to overcome neighborhood opposition to building plans for a home in Denton, Maryland. The school's tactic is to erode opposition with openness; meetings with neighbors are arranged before the moving trucks pull onto the block, and open house days are scheduled.

But for every occasion when the community tries to shut out the mentally handicapped there is a time when they reach out to help, and Eastern Shore residents are a major source of financial support. Currently, the development office has raised $7.5 million towards its five-year, $10 million capital campaign to pay for two new wells, a fire protection system, new boilers, a refurbished dormitory roof, resurfaced campus roads, and air conditioning for the dormitory and classrooms. Also on the fundraising agenda is a scholarship endowment fund to help families without Social Services assistance defray the $24,000 annual cost of tuition, room and board. "The school's success demonstrates how the community comes through when you need it," says O'Donnell. "Every brick in the building and every book in the library is made possible by the generosity of others."

Teamwork, specifically an informal partnership with Washington College, has also helped the school thrive. The College's Dutch Dumschott Society, a student service club named in honor of the late Fred W. "Dutch" Dumschott '27, hosted a "Fall Fun Day" for about 60 Benedictine students a year ago. A balloon launch began a day of pool games, a lacrosse demonstration, an egg toss, relay races and a boxed lunch. The two schools also exchange business services, with the Washington College Dining Service catering Benedictine special events, while the Industrial Training Center sells T-shirts to the Alumni Association.

State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein '35, the Chairman of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors, spoke at a Benedictine trustees' meeting about board leadership and has publicly supported the school's efforts. And Benedictine has a Washington College Fan Club that attends the college's home basketball games; the basketball team, in turn, has run workshops for Benedictine hoopsters. But the most significant link between the Benedictine School and Washington College is in people. Washington College grads make up nearly ten percent of Benedictine employees. Current employees, in addition to McCloy, O'Donnell, Slama and Quinn, are school psychologist Linda Hague-Crew '79, cooking instructor Jean Reinhold M '77, and Habilitation Center dorm counselor Paula Wordtt '68. The school also offers internships to sociology and psychology students from Washington College.

More recently, the development office started an internship, held this year by Susan Di Leo '91, for a student to write press releases and lay out the school's newsletter. Di Leo's part-time internship will turn into a full-time job after graduation. "I wanted to work at a place where I'd be doing a greater good, not writing propaganda for some sleazy oil company," she says. "This is an environment that values the handicapped for who they are."

That is why Washington College is not the Eastern Shore's only hidden gem in the realm of education. The Benedictine School might not turn out future neurosurgeons and novelists, but it produces some first-class gardeners and janitors, with work ethics as solid as their skills. And for the developmentally disabled, hampered as much by society's stereotypes as by their own handicaps, that is what education is all about.

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Professor Davy McCall: The Economics Of Caring

by Marcia C. Landskroener
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He has hobnobbed with the King of Morocco, explored the ancient ruins of Cambodia, and dined in exquisite French restaurants in Damascus. His work with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the World Bank has taken him around the globe — to China, North Africa, Europe, the Middle East. And after a distinguished career as an international economist, Davy McCall has landed in Chestertown, where he is chairman of the economics department at Washington College.

The ebullient man who once directed international aid projects for the U.S. Department of State, who sought to understand and assist the economic structure of a developing country by getting to know its people and absorbing its culture, is doing for free the same job the State Department paid him to do — helping the disadvantaged achieve a better life. Nowadays, Davy McCall is making things happen in Kent County, where he is leading local efforts to provide affordable housing for the economically disadvantaged.

Davy McCall admits he is "extremely sensitive" to his surroundings. He believes that where you live affects how you live and what you can accomplish. When he was finishing his doctoral studies at Harvard, he found an apartment with a working fireplace and a view of the Charles River in Boston. He spent three months in front of a fire with his index cards and typewriter, and gazed endlessly out the window at the Charles as he contemplated economic theory. Without those amenities to help him feel "comfortable and interested and cozy," he claims he never would have been able to finish his thesis.

"I feel that people need to have pleasant surroundings to have a basic enjoyment of life," says McCall. It is a conviction inherited from his father, a real estate developer of modestly priced housing in Cleveland. "He felt very strongly about the social values of home ownership. He was a strong Republican, but he voted for Roosevelt again and again because of the housing programs that Roosevelt developed during the Depression. I guess I absorbed his idea that home ownership is the basis for family stability."

He also is motivated by his Christian faith that taught him that "someone who has had good fortune certainly ought to share it." His willingness to share his good fortune, as well as his intelligence, energy, and talent, is having a positive impact on Chestertown's housing situation. This summer, Interfaith Housing Development Corporation will break ground for the first of 39 moderately priced townhouses on Calvert Street. At the same time, work will begin on the preservation of Janes United Methodist Church, an histori-

McCall volunteers as economic consultant on the Janes Church preservation project.

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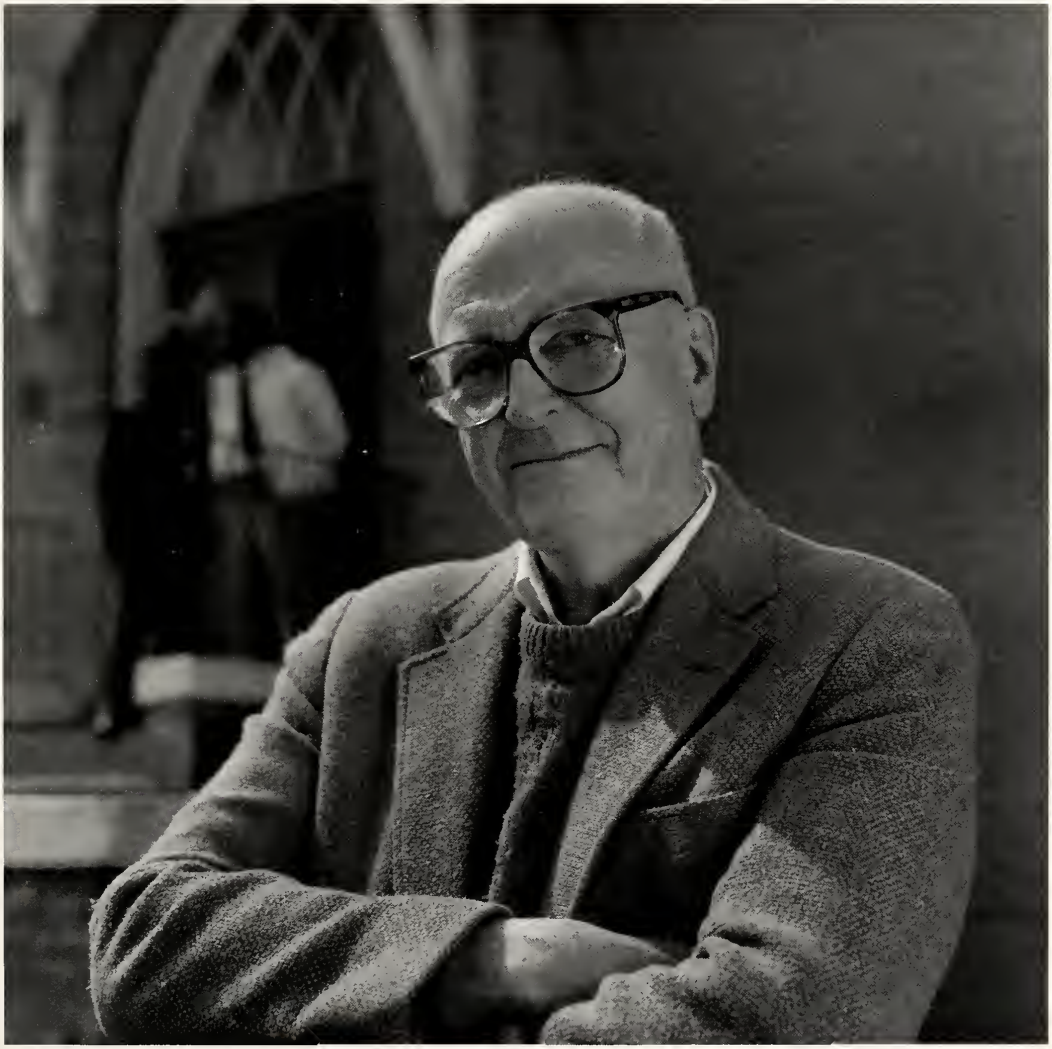
—Peter Newlin



cally significant black church at the corner of Cross and Cannon Streets. Davy McCall has been a driving influence behind both of these projects.

An active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church near Chestertown and "a card-carrying Episcopalian" all his life, McCall feels compelled to serve the Lord by serving his community. When he looked at Chestertown he saw something he simply could not accept in good conscience — deplorable housing just a block away from carefully restored historic homes. The poor condition of the houses, and the plight of the inhabitants, were generally ignored. He could not ignore it.

"Davy's contribution to the community is grounded in the fact that he is an extremely caring person," says Peter Newlin, a local architect who worked with McCall to put together a grant proposal to the Maryland Historical Trust for the Janes Church preservation effort. "His intelligence is not threatening because it comes with so much heart."

Substandard housing is not a problem isolated to Chestertown. In communities all along the Eastern Shore, the poor live in ramshackle houses without sufficient heating or indoor plumbing. The Episcopal Church sought to address the need for decent housing on the Eastern Shore, and in 1985 named McCall chairman of the Diocese of Easton's Task Force on Low Income Housing. Its mission was to provide start-up and matching grants, conduct planning and feasibility studies, and work with individual churches to develop practical ways of helping to meet local housing needs.

A year later, McCall found himself at the center of an imbroglio stirred up when a Wilmington attorney, L. Vincent Ramunno, purchased 21 houses in Chestertown's Scott's Point neighborhood and announced his intention to evict the tenants in 30 days. Chestertown Mayor Elmer Horsey appointed Davy McCall as chairman of the Chestertown Housing Foundation to help them find alternative housing. Furthermore, he recalls, the Town of Chestertown stepped in to lease the homes from the developer for seven months to give the displaced households time to find alternative housing.

Some background: Scott's Point historically is an interracially mixed neighborhood which runs from Cannon Street and along Front Street to Wilmer Park, on the Chester River. Its proximity to the river and the town's historic district had made the dilapidated houses appealing to a series of investors who held the properties with the intent to develop the area eventually. Ramunno intended to raze the 21 houses he purchased and build condominiums — a move that would have significantly altered the character of the neighborhood.

In McCall's estimation, some of the neglected homes in the Scott's Point neighborhood were historically significant and warranted restoration. In fact he purchased one old relic on Cannon Street, near the Hynson-Ringgold House, and has since restored it to 18th-century authenticity. An archeological dig and land records revealed the house to have been the home of Thomas Cuff, a prominent free black man who in the early-to-mid 1800's owned a large portion of Scott's Point.

"To the credit of the town's Historic Zoning Commission, they blocked Ramunno's proposal [to demolish all the buildings he purchased]," says McCall, thus thwarting his condo development. McCall's careful restoration of 108 Cannon Street was conducted for his own enjoyment as well as "to set the tone for that area and what it could be, and what it should be, in my view."

With the help of a VISTA worker headquartered at Janes Church, the Housing Foundation had helped all but four of the displaced 21 households find other housing by the June 30th deadline. Two more placements followed shortly after. Some families moved to Satterfield Court, subsidized housing provided by the town in the old stocking factory on Cannon Street. Some moved in with family. Others moved to subsidized apartments local businessman Henry Gruber built near Garnett Elementary School.

Certainly what is happening on Cannon Street could be called gentrification — the conversion of a deteriorating area into a more affluent middle-class neighborhood. The result of gentrification is an increase in property values and displacement of the poor. Wasn't it a bit awkward for McCall to move into the neighborhood from which the poor were being displaced? And was he himself "guilty" of gentrification?

"I was already deeply involved in the housing situation long before I decided to go in and live there," says McCall, who in the early 1970's had renovated a farmhouse on the Chesapeake Bay near Rock Hall as a weekend retreat. After he retired from government service and began teaching at Washington College, the daily trek to Chestertown grew tiresome.

"I had thought from the first that [Scott's Point] was a very desirable area and could be and should be back on the tax rolls. But at the same time, the people who live there have to have better housing." It would have been economically impossible for the tenants to purchase those homes and renovate them, McCall says.

"Preservation Inc. had tried to do something about renovating that area and then having the original tenants move back in," he explains. "But that proposal was based on them getting a very large grant from the Housing Administration to do the renovation, then having limited partners renting the properties at subsidized prices. First, the Reagan administration cuts in housing grants wiped out any possibility of that, and second, the 1986 tax reforms scared out a lot of people who would be limited partners. The whole thing fell through."

(Left): Looking over plans for the Janes Church project are McCall, Pastor Victor Harrison, Peter Newlin, and Ralph Deaton. (Right): McCall and Wade Catts, assistant director of the University of Delaware's Center for Archaeological Research, examine an artifact found during McCall's backyard dig this spring.

Preservation, Inc. did manage to obtain a $400,000 grant from the Maryland Historical Trust to renovate four houses on Cannon Street, then sold them to a limited partnership which rents the properties. Preservation, Inc. then sold the remaining Scott's Point properties to others, including McCall.

What is important to McCall is to preserve the homes in Scott's Point that are worth preserving — thus creating an attractive, economically viable neighborhood — while finding decent, attractive housing for those who could not afford the enormous expense of renovating the old houses.

"My house was owned by eight different people from 1970 until the time I bought it, and it had been vacant for the past three or four years," he says. "None of the owners did very much to keep it up but each time it changed hands the price went up. One reason this area has been slow to develop is because frequent ownership changes have inflated prices. And the only way you can do those houses is to buy them very cheaply because they require so much. If you don't renovate the house and then live there — live out part of your investment — it isn't economically sound."

So, if the poor could not afford to purchase and renovate these homes in the Scott's Point area, what was to become of them? The Chestertown Housing Foundation sought to create a new neighborhood of homes they could afford to purchase, on land owned by the town. Thus came about the Calvert Street low-income housing development, and it is this project that has brought together secular and religious efforts to improve housing conditions for the disadvantaged.

In September of 1989, seven religious denominations launched the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation. The Roman Catholic, Episcopal, United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches and the Society of Friends are corporate members of Interfaith, whose mission is to provide home ownership for 1,000 low-income families on the Eastern Shore during the next ten years.

Interfaith's program is being partially financed through its INVEST program, of which McCall is chairman. INVEST gives investors the opportunity to purchase certificates of deposit offered through the Chestertown Bank. The investors get a 3% return, and Interfaith can borrow the money back from the bank. Nearly $200,000 already has been invested.

The townhouses will be offered for sale at 5% for 30 years, with no down payment required. Families with annual incomes as low as $16,500 should be able to afford these homes, McCall says. The owners will qualify for a $10,000 write-down on the value of their houses, which they will be obliged to pay up if they sell their houses before ten years of ownership.

To make certain prospective homeowners can qualify for a mortgage and make the monthly payments, Interfaith asked the University of Maryland Agricultural Extension Service to develop a financial consulting program. Extension agent Elna Butterfield has trained a group of volunteers to work with prospective buyers whose present credit ratings could prevent them from obtaining a mortgage.

"We feel very strongly that this will not be a slum in the making," McCall says of the project. "They're going to be attractive and well-built."

Peter Newlin, whose architectural firm has bid for the job, concurs. "The idea is not to create a 'project' but a neighborhood," Newlin says. "The goal is to create low-cost housing with minimum maintenance requirements and low energy use, which differs considerably from a low-cost construction package." Design factors such as passive solar fenestration and specifications for high-efficiency windows and quality roofing will keep energy and maintenance costs down. Building costs can be kept down by designing the homes to minimize materials waste and by using inexpensive floor coverings, kitchen cabinets and fixtures — items that can be easily upgraded later.

The Calvert Street project is one of Interfaith's first developments. It is progressing so quickly, says McCall, because of the groundwork laid by the town and the Chestertown Housing Foundation.

"The town had purchased the land and had a list of developers and pro-

spective buyers, and the Chesapeake Branch of the American Institute of Architects (of which Newlin is president) did the cherette design on a *pro bono* basis," he says. "Then Interfaith came along and said they'd like to build it. The Mayor and Council agreed to sell the parcel of land to Interfaith, and the T· /n will participate in the selection of prospective homeowners based on the list they have."

McCall believes the housing development will go a long way toward improving the quality of life in Chestertown. "If you own a house and have some stability, you have a place you can't be evicted from, a place you can devote your attentions to improving. It is a rock around which family life, and the economic basis for family life, can build."

Another rock in the community is the church, and as it proved during the Scott's Point relocation crisis, Janes United Methodist Church plays an important role.

The history of Janes Church dates back to 1830, when a schism within the Methodist Church led to the establishment of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (of which Thomas Cuff was a founder) and autonomous black churches within the white-controlled Methodist Church. Janes Church grew out of the movement for black autonomy and became the center for black community life. The present building, the church's third, was completed in 1914.

Through his work with the Chestertown Housing Foundation McCall became involved in the church leaders' efforts to preserve it. McCall and Newlin helped them obtain a $40,000 grant from the Maryland Historical Trust for the restoration of the exterior, as well as a small grant from the National Historic Trust to cover the cost of architectural plans.

"We argued its historical merit as well as its contributory effect to the historic district," Newlin says of their successful grant, which came none too soon. Preservation work is critical to the survival of the building that is located in the heart of Chestertown's historic district at the crossing of the town's second major commercial artery, Cross Street, with Cannon Street, the major residential road of two historically black neighborhoods.

Designed and constructed by parishioners, the church was built of handmade concrete brick, Newlin says. The three-story structure "is a phenomenal achievement," he says, "but they didn't understand the roof structure." Because they used conventional house construction techniques, he says, there is outward thrust at the top of the masonry walls that is literally pushing the building apart. The explosion of the fireworks factory in 1954 did not help — it left huge cracks in the masonry. "It's what we call 'unresolved forces,'" says Newlin. "A hurricane could very well collapse the building."

The plan is to install a supplemental roof structure and stabilize the exterior wall first, then renovate the interior. "What excites me about this preservation project," says Victor Harrison, pastor of Janes Church, "is the community involvement." Twice before, church officials asked for money from the Maryland Historical Society and were turned down. Applications were denied, says Harrison, "because we didn't have a plan." Locals such as engineer David Hoon, architect Peter Newlin, and Davy McCall, as consultants to the Renovation Committee chaired by Ralph Deaton, and Joyce Huber Cafritz, who sold tickets for a fund-raising jazz festival, have helped get the preservation process going.

Several interesting historic artifacts related to the black community have recently come to light, says McCall, and the church wants to preserve them as well. When church members were planning that jazz festival, they found in a Cannon Street home a cache of old musical instruments, hand-written music, and a loving cup won by the local Haughten brothers at a musical competition in Baltimore in 1926. Jazz Johnson, a local musician who performed at the festival, remembers the Haughten brothers. Johnson claims one of them wrote "Stardust" and "Tuxedo Junction" — songs made famous by jazz artist Hoagie Carmichael.

"We borrowed these items for the jazz festival, and again when Janes Church was on the Candlelight Walking Tour," says McCall.

Janes Church leaders decided a museum in the basement of the church would be the proper way to pay tribute to the musical legacy of the Haughten Brothers and encourage interest in local black cultural history. And the jazz festival was such a success, says Janes Church Pastor Victor Harrison, that they've decided to make it an annual community event.

McCall's interest in black history doesn't stop here. He suspects there was a station of the Underground Railroad within the free black neighborhood before the Civil War. Beneath his own home, which dates back at least to the mid-1700s, he found money, a pistol and iron files. "I get little glimmers [of evidence]," he says. "Here was a large free black community on the river, just north of Talbot and Queen Anne's counties from where people were fleeing, not terribly far from the Pennsylvania border, and they could have gotten there by water once they got here — it just has to be."

Another project will be to clear what he believes is the Cuff family cemetery behind his house — a slab of stone and little white pickets he found indicate a fence once existed, and the ivy growing everywhere is not indigenous to the area. What he finds there may contribute even more to the history of the neighborhood Davy McCall has adopted, and to its future as well.

They're Back! Eagle Population Rebounds in Chesapeake Region

by Jim Landskroener M'91

The stand-up comic was talking about handguns. He thought it seemed strange that after buying a handgun, many people begin to harbor deep-seated resentments toward their feet. Actually, he corrected himself, he meant just one foot; how many people shoot themselves in both feet? (Comic pantomimes gun owner shooting self in foot, pointing gun at other foot and saying, "Now don't *you* try anything either!")

Of course, where nature is concerned, it seems that our species believes in the God-given (and Constitutional) right to shoot itself in the foot whenever we darn well please. And if someone or some thing is haplessly perched in the line of fire, well, you know, sorry.

I can think of no better example of this than what had been allowed to happen to our great national symbol, the bald eagle — fierce, strong, proud, independent — and brought to the brink of extinction by a chemical which became infamously widespread because it was so effective at killing body lice during WWII.

Fortunately this particular eco-absurdity seems to be working itself out in a positive direction. In the Chesapeake Bay region, and in most parts of the country, the bald eagle has been making a comeback, and in the process, we may have learned a thing or two.

You may be familiar with the story of how Ben Franklin didn't want the bald eagle to become our national bird. It has been said that he didn't like its militarist symbolism, or that he considered the bird to be little more than a well-dressed buzzard, an occasional carrion eater, accustomed to stealing prey from smaller birds when it wasn't in the mood to hunt for itself. No, old Ben would have no parts of the eagle. The old dear — balding, gouty, oversexed —wanted a friendly, benign, helpful bird. Something you could eat — the wild turkey.

But in 1782, turkeys were out, eagles were in. This designation, and our tendency to anthropomorphize any animal lucky enough to possess worthy characteristics, may have saved the bird's life. How many wild turkeys do you see running around these days?

From that point until the 1940s, the bald eagle made out pretty well. It hadn't been hunted out of existence and its habitat hadn't been completely ruined. In fact, in the Bay region at the turn of the century, it was estimated that there was at least one active nesting site for every five miles of Chesapeake shoreline. And it had been no surprise that bald eagles really liked the Bay. It had everything in life that an eagle could appreciate.

It needs a place with lots of fish and/or small game to swoop down on. The shoreline needs to be well-forested with plenty of very tall, sturdy trees. An eagle likes to be way up high, on top, prince of all it surveys. Over the course of several years, it can build a nest roughly eight feet in diameter and ten feet deep. (If my math is right, that's several hundred cubic feet of birdhouse.) All those loblolly pines at the water's edge were just about perfect. And of course, eagles, like most

other animals, don't take kindly to lots of people hanging around. For well into this century, the shoreline was relatively quiet — not a lot of marinas, condos, and half-million dollar waterfront properties yet.

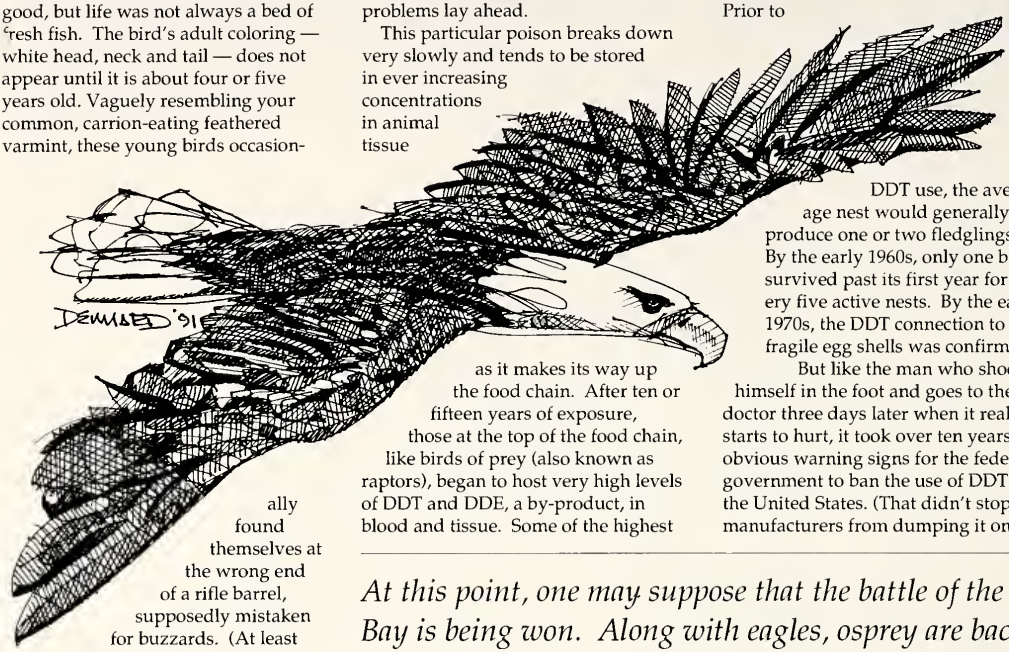
True, accommodations were pretty good, but life was not always a bed of fresh fish. The bird's adult coloring — white head, neck and tail — does not appear until it is about four or five years old. Vaguely resembling your common, carrion-eating feathered varmint, these young birds occasionally found themselves at the wrong end of a rifle barrel, supposedly mistaken for buzzards. (At least that was the story generally given to the game warden.) Or there was always the country squire who might bag one for sport. Or the irate farmer who was tired of seeing one of the great birds circling above the chicken coop or pig sty after a new litter had been born.

And though poaching and habitat loss around the Bay did in fact cause a decline throughout the early part of the century, it was an event in war-torn Europe that may have started the eagle on the road to near extinction.

During WWII there was a severe outbreak of typhus in Naples, Italy. Great strides were being made in the insecticide arena, and it was soon discovered that a compound first prepared by a Swiss chemist in 1939 was just what was needed to kill the little buggers — body lice, it turns out — that were spreading the typhus. The miracle agent was dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane. A.k.a. DDT (R.I.P.)

The news from Naples quickly found its way from the battlefield to the chemical company catalogs to farm bureau offices around the country, and before you could say "miracle powder," DDT was wiping out insect pests by the truck load. For years the stuff was heaped on soil like saving grace. But as everyone was soon to learn, real problems lay ahead.

This particular poison breaks down very slowly and tends to be stored in ever increasing concentrations in animal tissue as it makes its way up the food chain. After ten or fifteen years of exposure, those at the top of the food chain, like birds of prey (also known as raptors), began to host very high levels of DDT and DDE, a by-product, in blood and tissue. Some of the highest levels of contamination in the country were found in birds of the Bay region.



Bird populations everywhere began dropping. By the early 1960s, as the number of nesting pairs in the lower 48 states fell to only a few hundred, accumulation of DDT in eagle and other raptor tissues was beginning to be documented.

But the most serious manifestation of the problem appeared in the egg shells. The shells were too fragile to support the bird's weight and routinely broke. Unable to reproduce, the great bird, along with dozens of other species, began to disappear not only around the Bay, but across the country.

Around the Bay only 120 active eagle nests were counted in 1962. Prior to DDT use, the average nest would generally produce one or two fledglings; By the early 1960s, only one bird survived past its first year for every five active nests. By the early 1970s, the DDT connection to fragile egg shells was confirmed.

But like the man who shoots himself in the foot and goes to the doctor three days later when it really starts to hurt, it took over ten years of obvious warning signs for the federal government to ban the use of DDT in the United States. (That didn't stop the manufacturers from dumping it on the Third World market, but that's another story.)

At this point, one may suppose that the battle of the Bay is being won. Along with eagles, osprey are back. Rockfish are again an allowable, if carefully restricted, commodity. Communities lucky enough to have the available capital are trying to improve waste water discharge quality. A general atmosphere of "awareness" has settled quietly into every classroom, political body, and even some boardrooms . . . But is it enough?

By the time the ban was in place, eagle populations had been decimated. Active nest sightings had dropped to well below 70 in the entire Bay region and would remain below 90 until 1982.

Recovery has been slow, not only because there were so few surviving the DDT onslaught, but also because of the very nature of the bird's early life. Even in an uncontaminated environment, on average only one in two sur-

vive their first year. Though each nest may contain two or three young, as they become three to four weeks old, nest mates will attack each other until a dominant sibling is established. The winner of this so-called "Cain and Abel conflict" gets most of the food and generally makes life pretty miserable for its weaker sibling. This results in far fewer healthy fledglings leaving the nest than actual eggs hatched.

Once they become proficient flyers, usually at about four months, the unassuming brown birds are on their own. If a bird manages to survive sharing a bunk with a recalcitrant nest mate, chances are 50-50 that it may succumb to disease, starvation, or human intervention.

In a sense, the Chesapeake's eagle population was lucky. In other parts of the country, entire populations disappeared, and scientists have gone to remarkable lengths to re-integrate eagles into formerly suitable habitat.

One method, "egg-recycling," takes advantage of the female's ability to sometimes lay a second clutch of eggs if something happens very early on to the first. Shortly after being laid, the first group of two to three eggs is removed and propagated in captivity. In a majority of cases the female was able to lay a second clutch of her own. When old enough, those raised in captivity were then taken to suitable sites.

Though no such formal propagation activities have been employed on the Bay, the outlook for the region remains hopeful. The Bay currently hosts one of the largest populations in the country, and the count seems to be growing at a fairly healthy rate. Aberdeen Proving Grounds northeast of Baltimore and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County on the lower Eastern Shore are the current favorite nesting spots, though nesting locations have been found on almost every major tidal tributary.

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That ultimately depends on whether any lessons have been learned. From the time of John Smith's landing to the present, most inhabitants of this region have chosen to emulate the natural environment. Like the eagle, the oyster, the crab, the rockfish, we have simply done whatever we wanted, when and as we felt like it, until we couldn't do it that way anymore. The only difference, really, between ourselves and the fauna with whom we tentatively exist is that we are sometimes capable of change. We may shoot ourselves in the foot once in a while, but sometimes we at least have the good sense to see a doctor and try to get things healed as best as possible.

Perhaps victories on land — over deforestation, unbridled development, pollution, waste management, chemical agriculture, and all the rest — may follow those smaller ones in the water and the skies. The bones and tissue of our region will never heal as nicely as we may like. We have seen to it that the Chesapeake Bay will carry itself, and us, along with a decided limp. But as the eagles have shown us, even a person with a limp can still whistle past the graveyard.

When not observing wildlife, Jim Landskroener teaches at the Kent School near Chestertown.

Harbinger Of Spring Or Pesky Cousin?

Once DDT became an unpleasant footnote to the miracles of modern chemistry, many of the other raptors that populated the Bay began to make a comeback. Among these is the osprey, a migratory hawk that winters in Central and South America yet returns with warm weather to its place of birth at breeding time. As with eagles, the Bay has always been an ideal spot for placating raptor libidos. Compared to eagles, the osprey is a kind of pesky little cousin.

Though some people consider them annoying interlopers, horning in on the majestic eagle's territory, others find them to be adorable, wheeling little scamps and are quite happy to see their return in the early spring. Many of those in the latter category have, where possible, become osprey "gardeners." Over the past few years, people living on the water have found that "planting" ospreys is not all that difficult. Since the birds like to be very near the water and are relatively tolerant of human activity, it seems that all one needs for osprey husbandry is an undisturbed piling with a simple wooden nesting platform nailed on the top.

(Even the Coast Guard has gotten into the act. It used to routinely knock osprey nests off lighted buoys that became obscured by the ever expanding domicile. A few years back, they redesigned the new buoys to accommodate both functions.)

Thanks in part to human curiosity, tolerance and friendship, osprey numbers around the Bay have doubled in the last 20 years.

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ALUMNI REPORTER

Myers Cited For Exceptional Service

Dorothy Woodall Myers '24, a long-time College supporter, was presented with the 1991 Alumni Service Award in February.

Myers, a member of the 1782 Society, has served for many years on the Alumni Council and as a Class Agent. Thanks to her efforts, the Class of 1924 comes in every year with 100% participation in the Annual Fund.

Her involvement with WC is more than monetary. An invaluable volunteer, she contributes heavily of her time and energy on the College's behalf, and has helped shape the growth of the school over the past 70 years.

Her citation read, in part: "Administrators come and go, but Dorothy Myers is always there to lend them a helping hand. You simply don't have an alumni event — anywhere — without Dorothy Myers' cheerful countenance there. She is the common denominator who provides a sense of unity and continuity to our alumni association."

Dorothy Myers (second from left) displays a painting of the Hill Dorms by Rebecca Hutchinson '91 which was commissioned for her by the Alumni Council to commemorate the occasion. Standing by her are former Alumni Service Award recipients Alexander G. Jones '51, Louis L. Goldstein '35, Hilda Ott Micari '38, and Charles Clark '34.

Celebrating 100 Years Of Coeducation

In 1991-92 Washington College will celebrate a centennial of coeducation. To mark the anniversary, the Alumni Office is planning a symposium exploring the different lifestyles of women on campus through this century.

"We thought it would be fun to have different generations of women graduates recall the educational, social, and career expectations of their peers and the obstacles they might have hurdled during their college careers," says Alumni Director Pat Trams '75. Another fun topic might be, 'Dorm rules and how they have been broken through the ages.'"

The Alumni Office is seeking volunteers to share their experiences. This event is tentatively scheduled for Fall Weekend, October 18 and 19. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Alumni Office.

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee Seeks Nominees

Remember an outstanding college athlete of your era? Why not nominate him or her to be considered for induction to Washington College's Athletic Hall of Fame?

The Athletice Hall of Fame Committee has established the following selection criteria:

"Individuals or teams selected for induction should represent the best to perform on behalf of Washington College. Players or teams selected must have played at least ten years prior to their nomination."

If you wish to make a nomination, request a form from the Alumni Affairs Office, Washington College, Chestertown, MD 21620 (or call 800-422-1782). Nominations for the 1992 induction should be submitted by October 1, 1991.

Where Returning Alumni Meet To Eat

by Washington College Magazine's Phantom Diners

The restaurant scene in Chestertown changes almost as frequently as the weather. In future reviews we'll let returning alumni know where to find the best crabcake, where to go for Sunday brunch, high tea, or Chinese takeout, and where in Chestertown you can dine in New York-style elegance. But first—here's where alumni can re-experience the "Miss Dee" burger.

Ruth Dickerson, better known to hundreds of Washington College alumni as Miss Dee, has packed up her apron and spatula and moved to Fairlee, a tiny borough halfway between Chestertown and Rock Hall on Route 20. The Miss Dee burger, the West Hall and the cheese egg sandwich made famous in the basement of Hodson Hall are now part of a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu at the H-L Family Restaurant, named after Miss Dee's daughter Sharon Hurd and her partner, Judy Lewis.

Veterans of Miss Dee's Snack Bar will be right at home at the H-L. In fact, those of you who remember the eateries of the '50s and '60s (and you Twin Peaks' fans) might feel as though you have stepped back in time. The H-L is a bright, comfortable diner with ruffled curtains, utilitarian tables and chairs cheered with colorful tablecloths, and a row of stools at the stainless steel and formica counter.

From left to right, Sharon Hurd, Judy Lewis and Miss Dee evoke cholesterol cravings and memories of WC Snackbar days at their new location.

The atmosphere is casual and friendly. Sharon or Miss Dee might even pull up a chair and chat as you dive into your cheesesteak and fries. The food is traditional diner fare relying heavily on the grill — satisfyingly cholesterol-laden. For dessert, the cherry pie looked delicious; the carrot cake was dry. Prices are inexpensive.

Moving to their own restaurant has given Miss Dee, Sharon and Judy the chance to expand the menu to include dinners from $5.75 to $14.95 and platters in the $3 and $4 range. Fried shrimp and crabcake dinners are offered for under $9.

When you need some comfort food, go home for mom's fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Or, go to the H-L and see Miss Dee. But you will have to pay cash. No credit cards are accepted.

The H-L Family Restaurant opens at 6 a.m. seven days a week and closes at 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 4 p.m. on Sundays.

The theme for the 1991 Birthday Ball was "Peace Treaties: from George Washington to George Bush." The British and American Flags flew from one side of Cain Gymnasium, the Soviet and American from the other. Kathy Wurzbacher '83 (fourth from left) and friends turned out to hear Zim Zemarel and his orchestra sing Happy Birthday to George Washington.

CLASS NOTES

'29 Dr. Robert W. Farr retired from medical practice in April after 54 years as a family doctor in Kent County. He was *Good Housekeeping's* Maryland Family Doctor of the Year in 1981.

'33 Mary Elizabeth "Ruffie" Walbert became the bride of Allan Orem in December. The Orems have moved to Rochester, NY, where Ruffie enjoys being "spoiled" by her husband. Last year they traveled to Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Robert and Charlotte Holloway '32 Furman retired to Gulf Breeze, FL, in 1972. Bob is usually in their waterfront yard with his flowers while Charlotte is playing bridge. They have a 27' sailboat on which they cruise the Bahamas and the Florida coasts.

'34 Erwin Koerber has two children and four grandchildren. Since he retired from Lever Bros. Co. in 1976, Erwin has worked for his church and Meals On Wheels. He also studies at Elderhostels occasionally.

Walter Moffett, who lives in Sun City Center, FL, has not seen any snow in 13 years. He still misses the Eastern Shore, "especially the crab cakes."

'35 In October, Frank Barnhart participated in the Maryland Senior Olympics. In 1989, he and his partner won a gold medal in tennis doubles. Though they failed to repeat this year, Frank won medals in the three other events in which he competed.

'38 Carrie Schreiber retired in 1988 after 49 years in teaching. "Nuff said!"

Helen Shallcross retired from Kent County Public Schools in 1977 and is "thoroughly enjoying retirement" in Rock Hall, MD.

'39 Cliff Anderson spent two months last fall on a consulting job in Quebec.

'41 Reverend Jervis Cooke and his wife, Mary Frances, were honored with the Martin Luther King award at a symposium sponsored by the Peninsula Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Jervis will lead the alumni Service of Remembrance on Commencement Sunday.

Mike Kardash and his wife, Eleanor Rieck -43, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October and will return to Chestertown for his 50th reunion. Though their address is Rehoboth Beach, DE, they have traveled so extensively over the last ten years, "our suitcase has been our home."

Lawrence and Charlotte Russell McCalley are coming from Downey, CA, to see their classmates at Reunion.

Francis "Smitty" Smith has retired as budget analyst for Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland but he remains active as a member of his American Legion Honor Guard. Smitty is past president of the Cecil-Hartford Old Timers Baseball Association. The Association honors former players from the two counties for their accomplishments in the game of baseball.

Harry Henderickson, retired from public schools, lives in Arnold, MD, and plans to return to campus for his 50th Reunion.

'42 John Kirwan is looking forward to his 50th Reunion in 1992 and wants to hear from his classmates who want to plan this celebration. His son, John, Jr., graduated from WC in 1970 and his oldest granddaughter will begin college this fall.

'43 James Aycock and his wife own a motor home and take frequent trips around the U.S. and Canada.

Jean Wood and Mortimer Garrison '42 are "retired!" in Eustis, FL "Great Scott! We are great-grandparents!" Their granddaughter says they have always been 'great grandparents.'

Theodore "Ted" Kurze is a full-time professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. This year the University honored him by establishing a permanent endowment for a professorship in his name.

Charles Meiser is "retired and loving every minute" of doing what he pleases. He winters in his new Florida home.

William Roe, a commander in the U.S. Navy, "retired for the second time" in 1989 from the Sudlersville Bank of MD. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are enjoying Sudlersville and their house in Rehoboth Beach.

Clarence "Val" Valentine and his wife, Eleanor, spend winters in Florida and summers in Lanaconing, MD. Val, a retired nurse, is involved in community service.

'46 Elizabeth Blackway and Robert Ruff '44 live in Baltimore. They enjoy traveling and have visited nine European countries. Their last trip took them to visit their oldest daughter in Rota, Spain. They also traveled to Portugal and Africa.

Peggy Benton and Kirby Smith '48 "have always enjoyed Washington College, but it is even more exciting now" that their grandson, Christopher Jones '94, is on the soccer and lacrosse teams.

'48 Bob Chamberlin and his wife, Pat, are traveling the country visiting their grandchildren who are scattered between New Mexico and New York. Joy Chamberlin Wemmer '80 is the mother of two of these.

'49 J. Robert Brown recently retired as chief administrative law judge of the Baltimore office of the Social Security Administration. Formerly he was assistant state's attorney in Baltimore City.

'50 Daniel "Alkie" Hall breeds thoroughbred horses in Colora, MD. He invites alumni in the Cecil County area to visit his farm. Alkie has a horse, currently racing in Philadelphia Park, named for Stoney McLaughlin '48, "and he can't run any faster than his namesake."

Henry "Bootie" Highland and his wife, Dolores Roche -52, live in Savannah, GA. Bootie, an entomologist, retired after 40+ years from U.S. government service, during which time he visited 35 countries to conduct research and present seminars. He will continue to collaborate with the Dept. of Agriculture. Dolores is retired from the public school system in Savannah.

Frank "Hal" Kuhn is retired in Florida and enjoys orienteering, travel, golf, and sailing.

Dorothy Kelm and William Land '55 are enjoying partial retirement and two lovely grandchildren.

Pauline Baker Stewart is the international membership ambassador of the International Porcelain Artists and Teachers. She enjoys painting portraits on porcelain and teaching children this particular art form. She continues to be the associate manager for the State of Virginia's 4-H Horse Show.

Anthony "Don" Tall continues to be involved in the International Orienteering Federation (32 member nations) in development and promotion projects. In such capacity, he travels often to Europe, recently to Copenhagen and Madrid and soon to Berlin, Prague and Vienna. Don has been among the 250 participants accepted for the 1991 Ultimate Challenge in May. This two-week hike is a coast-to-coast navigation across the Scottish Highlands.

'52 Robert Earley retired from his 33-year legal career in January 1991, midway through his second term as Indiana County Common Pleas President. The judge cited health problems as the reason for his retirement. The *Pennsylvania Gazette* reported Earley to have laughingly said, "Either I am becoming less tolerant or people are becoming more unreasonable and that, coupled with the pain of arthritis, is not a good combination for one who must sit in judgement."

'54 Ellis Boyd, "'David' in the newspapers and on TV," started Property Taxpayers United in January 1990 after central Baltimore County's property taxes soared from 40% to 250%. The group has been instrumental in bringing about tax caps and spending affordability limits to the county.

Lynn Diana and Chuck Covington '56 are enjoying "shore living" in Avalon, NJ, where they keep the company of many other WC grads.

Roy Phillips retired in 1990 after 40 years as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Since 1969 Roy's hobby has been recruiting and hosting group tours through the U.S. and abroad. He will continue to do this.

Donna Wood Rolls reports that serving on the board of trustees of the First Unitarian Church of Berkley, CA, is keeping her out of mischief. She is circulation manager for Pacific Horticulture.

Rod Ware lives in Columbia, TN, where he was the Greymere Country Club golf champion in 1988 and the runner-up in 1990. After 27 years with DuPont he is enjoying retirement, "when every day is Saturday."

'55 Andrew "Jack" Dail has retired after 32 years in education, 22 as superintendent of Mohawk Valley School. Jack invites alumni to "drop in at Sun City, AZ, and visit."

June Walls Tassell and her husband, Harold, retired in June 1990 to Topsail Beach, NC. Their house on a barrier island faces the sea. Last fall they covered 3,000 miles in the British Isles and then escaped the winter in Jupiter, FL.

'56 Ed Bair retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1982 and is now director of computing services at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

'57 Myra Bonbage-Hale, director, psychiatric rehabilitation department Weston Hospital, is the owner of La Paix Farm. La Paix specializes in certified organically grown herbs, French produce, and dried floral and herb wreaths. Myra's is the only solely woman-owned, certified farm in West Virginia.

Antonio Rovira has retired and is now collaborating with *El Mundo*, a Spanish language newspaper, in Orlando, FL.

'59 Bob Wilson moved to Great Falls, VA, and is now executive vice president of Molson Breweries, marketing more than 20 brands of imported beer to U.S. consumers. "Cheers!"

'60 E.F. "Sandy" Sandison is a realtor, columnist and t.v. host in Riverside, CA.

-61 Jane Lowton Brice reports that she has found the company of WC alumnus, Ed Stevens '31, in Clarkesville, GA.

'62 Florence Nash Rieken is a single parent to two young ladies who are also her sisters. All three are AOPis at Towson State University. They are looking forward to a "gang graduation."

'64 David Truitt has been promoted to vice president of credit administration, Farmers National Bank in Annapolis, MD.

'65 Linda Kosek Daly has just completed the interior design and restoration of the Doylestown Inn, in the county seat of Bucks County, PA, which dates back to the Victorian era. Linda's design projects have been published in *Colonial Homes* and *Country Living* magazines. Her family enjoyed a wonderful trip to Singapore in spring 1990.

Ann Frances Hosmer is the founder and president of the Power/Excel Foundation. This foundation sponsors programs which promote the development of self-esteem and positive peer support for students in Baltimore middle schools. In 1991, Ann established Edu Conquest, a for-profit corporation, to fund Power/Excel.

Barbara "Bobbie" Raynes Streeter and her family have moved to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where her husband, John, is vice president for Bell Atlantic International.

'66 Sue Achorn Burgess has been appointed to the associate graduate faculty of Framingham (MA) State College where she teaches children's literature. She publishes a regular column in *The New Advocate*, a professional journal, and has just completed the teacher's manual for one of the field's textbooks, *Children and Books, Eighth Edition*.

Christina "Bonny" Schilling Harrison is writer-in-residence with the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, conducting fiction and poetry workshops in the North Carolina public schools. Her sonnet "How Poets Correspond" was a winner in the 1990 national writing contest held by *Writer's Digest*. Her husband, Hayden '65, is a member of IBM's Quarter-Century Club which recognizes 25 years of service to the company. Bonny and Hayden celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last June.

'67 After living in Canada, Venezuela, and Belgium, Jean Stirling McFadden has settled in Houston. Jean is in mutual fund marketing for Transamerica Funds, Inc. The French major reports that she "resented having to study Spanish but it sure made living in Venezuela more interesting!"

'68 Richard Holstein is a pediatric dentist in Princeton, N.J. Richard and his bride, Marsha, have just returned from a belated honeymoon in Maui.

Dr. Richard Jopp has edited *Rediscovery of the Eastern Shore*, a collection of travelogues by 19th century writers, which was published by Chesapeake College Press. Since editing and producing his first book, *The Shoremen*, an anthology of Eastern Shore writers, Jopp, a professor at Chesapeake College, has been a leading authority on Eastern Shore literature.

Charles "Chuck" Mock, a sales engineer for Conveyor Handling Co., Inc. in Hurlock,

MD, was awarded the Lions International Leadership Award in 1989 and is listed in the current *Who's Who in the East*.

'69 Patrick Chambers, owner of Chambers Building and Maintenance on Merritt Island, FL, began 20 weeks of training at the Brevard County Law Enforcement Acade y in January 1991.

Peter Conovich is a member of the New York chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society.

Debra Van Nostrand Ewing has moved to Ohio and has two daughters in college.

Bill Goff has been invited to guest-curate his third fine art baseball exhibition at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The show will consist of ballpark lithographs which his company has published and will be on view through November.

Nancy Bleyer Greenfield and her husband, Terry, live in Miliothian, VA, where she is a clinical services coordinator at Memorial Child Guidance Clinic.

Suzanne "Suzy" Marsh met Bill Shank in a balloon two years ago. They were married in the sky over Gloucester County, NJ, in November 1990.

'70 Maryanna "Sue" Kieffer is returning to Columbia University to finish her Ph.D. in philosophy after 11 years of motherhood and part-time teaching at George Washington University.

'71 Sam Hopper attend UCLA's Graduate School of Education as a Ph.D. candidate this fall. Sam's research interests are in associative learning processes.

Dorothy Lindstrom lives in a house on pilings in a national wildlife refuge on the Jersey shore. After years at Johns Hopkins University, she is back in the newspaper business as a reporter for the *Tuckerton Beacon*, a 101-year-old weekly in Manahawken.

Drew McCullagh joined Voyageur Asset Management in April 1990. He is president of the Voyageur Colorado Tax Free Fund. As portfolio manager of the fund, he expects to start two new state funds in 1991.

Lt. Col. Stephen Mires, commander of the 7th Tactical Fighter Squadron, was deployed in October 1990 to a forward location in support of Operation Desert Storm.

'72 After five years with Ogilvy Mather, a London advertising firm, Peter Boggs is leaving to become European director of Grey Advertising, where he will be responsible for their 12 offices in 11 countries. Peter and his wife, Gail McPherson '73, will continue to reside in London.

Jim Dillon is staff speech pathologist at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, CA. He lives with his wife, Joanna, a special education teacher, and their son, Liam, in Salinas.

Susan G. Luster is senior project manager for the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corp. in Research Triangle Park. For the past five years she has developed and managed educational programs and publications on energy management. Susan is also a board member and past chair of North Carolina Solar Energy Assoc., and editor of *Carolina Sun*, its quarterly newsletter. She lives in a passive solar home with her husband, Michael.

'73 James A. Smith was admitted as partner to the Chicago firm of Greenberg Keele Lunn and Aronberg in January 1991.

'74 Robert Lazzaro is in private practice of law and a partner with Heisler, Williams and Lazzaro in Towson, MD. While in Chestertown on business recently, Bob visited with "my old mentor and inspiration, Dr. Tai Sung An."

Susan Scheidle has been working in Washington, D.C. as a collection correspondent for Boise Cascade. Susan is still playing tennis and swimming.

Lisa Turner was promoted to senior projects manager, North American marketing for Mitel, Inc. She has been with the telecommunications company for eight years.

'75 In January, Katherine Myrick DeProspo became the regional planner and analyst for the Eastern Shore Consortium of Mental Health Professionals. Her task is to do a comprehensive study of the current mental health service delivery system in the nine Eastern Shore counties, and ultimately to produce a regional mental health plan for the area.

Robert Larson's occupation is avionics acquisition. His publications include the "SH-60F Computer Resources Life Cycle Management Plan." The SH-60F is the Navy's newest carrier based anti-submarine warfare weapon system. The SH-60F helicopter operates in the carrier group inner zone to detect and destroy hostile submarines. "And in college we called him Bullet Bob."

Lynn Virgilio Ogilvy has left her position as marketing director at Opticare Eye Health Center in Newark, CT, to raise her two young daughters. Lynn gets lots of parenting tips from Vicky Lazzell and her husband, Ed Reiss.

Pay Too Much Income Tax?

While Congress and the President debate capital gains issues, millions of Americans pay excess "income" taxes which are really the result of long-held personal property or securities. This is because capital gains taxes are treated somewhat like ordinary income for the year in which such assets are sold. Most taxpayers lose 28% of the proceeds, with additional state taxes, too. Some assets have been held for a generation and represent huge appreciation in value. The tax consequences can be devastating, especially for retirees who had hoped to reinvest the proceeds for a safe and steady income.

The solution? Consider a gift of appreciated property to Washington College and start taking tax *deductions*. You can make an outright gift or convert your security or property into a life income plan.

For a confidential discussion about your tax situation, contact The Office of Planned Giving, Martin Williams, 1-800-422-1782. Fax number: 301-778-5294.

Laura Pritchett Oliver has moved back to Annapolis, MD, and has resumed work on her book while she raises her three children.

Susan Stiles was promoted to manager of the client liaison department of PHH Fleet America, a computer software and systems support company in Hunt Valley, MD.

Jeffrey Timm was awarded tenure and promoted to assistant professor in the Wheaton College Department of Religion.

'76 Gerard "Jay" Hall is a manufacturer's rep. in sporting goods/active sportswear industry. He also owns and operates a summer soccer camp at WC.

Susan Smith has been elected 1991 president of Women in Film and Video of Maryland, a 150-member organization based in Baltimore. She's also teaching scriptwriting for television at Villa Julie College and UMBC. Recent projects include producing and writing videos for the Maryland State Bar Association, the Kennedy Institute, and the Mayor's Office of Cable & Communications in Baltimore.

M'76 Mary Scott is supervisor of education for the Smyrna, Delaware School District.

'77 Lindl Wiederholdt Costello is a real estate agent with Laura McCarthy Realtors in St. Louis, MO.

Jane Elliott Libby, a registered dietitian, developed and served as director of the Accredited Dietetic Internship of the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene. It is one of only 96 accredited internships in the country.

April Lindevald is very excited about her new job in the chorus at the New York City Opera. She is also active freelancing in the off-season and pursuing her solo career. "She would very much like to hear from her old friend John D'Amico '78."

Bruce Strasinger has joined the Department of Justice's Environmental Crimes Section in Denver, CO.

Glen St. George coaches youth soccer and little league in Naugatuck. "Special message for Dr. Archie Hoyt to call next time he's in Connecticut."

'78 Sandy Green Divan, Michele Skarwecki, Christie Robinson '76, Margy Rawle '75, Marcia Gibson Hammett '77, Gail Oakes Carta, Sandy Dennison-James '77, Cathy Bauerman Schwartz '79, and Barbara Green Kurgansky '77 had a wonderful reunion in March.

Mathew McKelvy owns a home in Trappe, MD, and is "wondering where Collis Townsend and Sean Coughlin '79 are now."

No matter how much money Matthew "Matty" Morris spends on golf lessons, he can't beat his best friend, Drew Romans.

'79 William "Gunther" Barrows lives in Newbury Port, MA, "the Chestertown of the Northeast."

Barbara "Babs" Burdette is senior auditor for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General in Chicago. She is studying and taking the required examinations to become a certified financial planner.

Lisa Cameron-Koch, her husband and two children live in McGraw, NY. "Our nuclear waste activism has paid off in saving a rural community from being a dumping ground for the nuclear waste of New York and other northeast states. At least for now."

Kevin Carouge was promoted to project manager of the orthopaedic trauma implants section of Synthes U.S.A. in Paoli.

Brad Cook will soon complete the requirements for a Ph.D. in zoology from Southern Illinois U. He is the statewide lake restoration limnologist for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Brad and his wife, Charlotte, reside in Bartow, FL.

James "Bucky" Buchanan, a research chemist for the U.S. Army, and his wife, Debbie, are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters. They live in Newark, DE.

Lori Livshin and Lance Margolin are living in La Costa, CA. "Any old classmates in the San Diego area please don't hesitate to call us at (619) 438-8071 if you are nearby."

Katy Macielag and Bill Maisel have been living on a farm near Chestertown for the last two years. Bill is a market technology specialist for J.M. Huber Corp. and Katie is a marketing and acquisitions analyst for the Bank of New York in Newark, DE.

Will Martin is a lawyer in Winston-Salem, N.C. with Craige, Brawley, Lipfert and Ross. Will practices in the areas of general corporate and business, estate planning and real estate.

Nancy Koster Nunn left her position as assistant director of admissions at Washington College to become the director/curator of the Historical Society of Kent County.

Joseph Salgado was elected to New York's Albany County Democratic Committee in September 1990.

Emil Sueck is busy operating his catering company, Panache Fine Catering, in Monkton, MD.

Karen "Kay" Morris Sweezey has retired after 11 years as a first grade teacher and is helping her husband, John, train dogs. At Double Creek Kennels in Chestertown they train retrievers for both shooting dogs and field trials.

'80 Dr. Loren "Lori" Bain and her fiancee, Dr. Richard Leach, organized a medical services mission to Honduras in November. Many patients walked for six hours to the clinic that their 75-member team set up in a tiny schoolhouse in Yamaranguila. Lori, a dentist, and Richard, who practices internal medicine, live in Glens Falls, NY.

Mark "Murdog" Bierman is vice president of sales at Belair Engineering Co. in Bowie, MD. He lives near Annapolis with Scott Dodge '83. They spend summers racing sailboats and winters gunning on the Shore.

Carl Burke, a chef at Fisherman's Inn, and his wife, Debbie, are "living happily ever after in Chestertown." Their son, Casey Willis, is ten months old.

Robert "Chap" Chaponis is enjoying his position as senior research pharmacist at Schering-Plough. He was involved in the recent switch from prescription to over-the-counter for Gyne-Lotrimin, a popular medication for yeast infections.

Claire Mowbray Golding and her husband, Dominic, moved from New England to Kensington, MD, in February. Claire is going to try her hand at freelance editing and writing, especially in educational publications for children. Her work has been published in the *Washington Post, New England Monthly* and *School Arts Magazine.*

Bill Steelman is a preservation fund coordinator for Architectural Conservation Trust in Boston, MA, "trying to make the world a safer place for old buildings."

'81 Jacob "Lecky" Haller is training for a spot on the 1992 Olympic two-man canoe team. This will be the first time since 1972 that white water slalom will be included as a medal sport in the Olympics. Lecky, who has won many World Cup medals, hopes to go to Barcelona with his wife, Cathy Hearn, who is training for women's kayak. In his "spare time" Lecky coaches football, wrestling and lacrosse at Salisbury School in North Western, CT.

Last summer Tamera Schauber Laursen returned to school for graduate work. She is working toward her Master of Social Work at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Molly Meehan Nicol and her family have moved to Troy, MI. Molly and her husband, James, are both managers in the marketing division of IBM.

Margaret Phillips has been a market manager for LaMotte Company in Chestertown

Births

James A. Dillon '72, a son, James Liam, on March 23, 1991.

William '75 and Catherine McTernan Walls '77 a son, Benjamin Alexander, during J...y 1989. Benjamin joins sisters Alison Leigh and Stephanie.

Vali M. Somers '75, a son, Adam Somers Bowen, on January 31, 1990. Adam joins brother, Colin.

Lynn Hayhurst Keller '76, a son, Christian Troy, on December 24, 1990. Chris joins brother, Jamie, aged 2 1/2.

Jane Breene Kenney '77, twins, Caleb Patrick and Helen Britt, on December 21, 1990. They join brother, Trafton.

Lindl Wiederholdt Costello '77, a son, Andrew, on March 29, 1990. He joins sister, Christina.

Jonathan Jones '77 and Beverly Powers Jones '80, a daughter, Marva Jean Marie, on December 26, 1990. She joins sister, Tess, 2 1/2.

Elizabeth Butler Stephenson '78, a daughter, Caroline Grace, on November 17, 1990. She joins sister, Virginia.

Scott Ritter '79, a son, John Livingston, on June 14, 1989.

Maura Kelly Rogers '79, a son, Thomas John, on January 17, 1990. He joins sisters Megan and Elizabeth.

Betsy Arrington Sobolewski '79, a daughter, Melissa Jean, on March 7, 1990. Melissa joins brother Matthew, age 4.

Leah Truitt Woodbury '80, a son, Stuart Douglas, on January 11, 1991.

Patti Tarkett Helvitson '80, a daughter, Samantha Lynne, on May 9, 1990. Samantha joins brother Michael.

Stephen Martz '82, a son, Stephen Andrew, on June 4, 1990.

Ginann Patterson Walczak '82, a son, Grant Patterson, on August 15, 1990. Grant joins sister Kate, 2 1/2.

Joseph Cornely '82, a daughter, Meredith Rose, on November 3, 1990.

Catherine Schreiber McNally '83, a daughter, Caitlin Anne, on April 26, 1990.

Jeanette Shafer Hazel '83, a daughter, Natalie Elaine, on October 6, 1990.

Sarah McAlpine Robinson '83, a son, Ian McAlpine, during October, 1990.

Anne Lindes Shepard '84, a son, Oliver Day IV, on September 25, 1990. Oliver joins sister, Maude, 3.

Carla Wilson Putman '86, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, on July 21, 1990. Laura joins sister Jenna, almost 5.

Andrew '89 and Julie Schram Webb '92, a daughter, Elizabeth Kaitlin, on February 4, 1991.

Marriages

Elizabeth Walbert Black '33 to E. Allan Orem, November 26, 1990 in Fairlee, MD.

Louise Ames Merryman '48 to A. Powell Harrison '49, on February 2, 1991 in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Richard E. Holstein '68 to Marsha J. Kleinman, on January 27, 1991 in New Brunswick, NJ.

Teresa Wiltbank Gill '71 to Dudley Wayne Bostic, on November 3, 1990.

Carol Strausburg '75 to Ralph T. Smith on November 10, 1990.

Matthew McKelvy '78 to Julie Howard on December 31, 1990.

Jeanette M. Bonsack '80 to David J. Beard on March 23, 1991. Loren Baim '80, Vivian Young '80, Leslie Bobik '82 and Jay Bonsak '93 were attendants.

Nancy Trinquero '81 to Bruce William Sprynezynatyk on March 9, 1991.

Deborah Ortt '83 to Ernst H. Besser on April 21, 1990 in Easton, MD. In attendance from WC were Bennett Lamond and Martin Kabat.

Elizabeth Taylor '84 to Thomas Friedmann on April 28, 1990. Margot Wood Kenzie '84 and Suzanne Lonter -85 were attendants.

Kelly Lamoree '88 to Michael C. Saffell on March 2, 1991 in Canton, Ohio. Joanna Wilson '88 attended.

Susan Conner '89 and William Long, Jr. '88 on April 28, 1990 in Easton, MD. Chris Smith '89, Helen MacMahon '89, Pamela Tichenor '89 were attendants.

Tracey L. Colemen '90 to Albert Brian Williams on August 11,1990 in Chestertown, MD.

Kristine Winschel '90 to Ens. Matthew E. Woods on June 8, 1990.

Your Class Notes Vital Statistics editor apologizes for her error in the Spring '91 marriage announcements. Rebecca L. Harris '83 married John Mitchell on October 13, 1990. Rebecca Chambers '83 was the maid of honor, not the bride.

since 1985. Frequent travel has allowed her the opportunity to visit many alumni. Margaret recently purchased a home "needing lots of TLC" in Rock Hall, so painting and gardening take up most of her spare time.

Nancy Trinquero Sprynczynatyk has a "wonderful job as full-time therapist for abused children." A group and family therapist, Nancy specializes in counseling children and play therapy. She won the 1989-90 Teacher of the Year Award from Dickinson University in North Dakota.

Ronald Wright was promoted to office manager for The Travelers Maryland/Delaware territory. He completed his MBA at the University of Maryland with classmates Joe Bourne '82 and Joe Cavelli '82.

'82 Douglas Brown is happy to be back in the Washington, D.C. area after two years working on a real estate project in Chicago. He is the property manager for Oakwood Apts. in Falls Church, VA.

Catherine "Cat" Carrier is still trying to figure out how a B.A. in drama landed her a job in corporate America. Cat has been administrative analyst for Terminix International in Clearwater, FL, for the past seven years. "Never took a business or accounting course, but I instruct management on how to make profits."

Joseph Crivelli, a research analyst for Merrill Lynch in Langhorne, PA, says "hi to the San Crivelli alumni and looking forward to seeing everyone in Sept. '91."

Kimberly Wren Harquail lives in Annapolis and works as an analyst for ARINC Research Corp., a software engineering consulting firm. Kimberly earned her M.S. degree from George Washington University.

Jean Merrick-Maddux and her husband, Tom, have moved for the third time in three

years. Now they have settled in the house that Jeannie grew up in in Baltimore.

James Knight Malone says "hello to all my friends from WC. I am finishing up an MBA at California State University and should be done by the end of summer. If you are in or plan to visit the San Francisco Bay-Silicon Valley area give me a call at (415) 581-8714."

Kendall Nelson Schwartz is a radiologic technologist at Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD. "Kendall and her husband, Ludy, had a new arrival, Porsche the Yellow Lab. Mr. Spanky is doing well and sends a big 'hello' to David G., Ginger V and all his other N.Y.C. friends."

'83 Navy Lt. William Alderson returned home in January from deployment in the Middle East. William served aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*, homeported in San Diego.

Deborah Ortt Besser and her husband, Ernst, live in Westminster, CO, with their two dogs. "The mountains are great but I miss the Chesapeake Bay." Deborah is an employee benefits consultant with Hofgard & Co. in Denver.

Sarah McAlpine Robinson and her husband, Paul, found the needed space for their new son in a 100-year-old house on the Delaware River in Beverly, NJ. "So stop by if you're sailing by our dock. Kim Tosi, are you out there?"

'84

Natalie Brown McKnight is assistant professor of rhetoric at Boston University's College of Basic Studies. Before moving to Boston, Natalie taught in the communications division in North Lake College in Texas. In 1989 she won first place in the Dickens Essay competition.

Chrissy DeNayer Cappelluti, an animal care specialist and owner of Critter Care, is vice president of Maryland's Frederick County Humane Society. She also teaches Spanish at St. John's at Prospect Hall.

John Darlington is an investment broker with Wheat First Securities in Baltimore.

Amy Dolan was awarded the Dean's Scholarship at Widner School of Law where she has been a part-time student since January.

Kathy Holiday is an administrative analyst for the Department of Fiscal Services in Annapolis. Kathy, Lynn McKenna, Jenny Bradley, and Laura Mills Lovejoy visited WC for a reunion weekend in November.

Patty Stille is putting her math major and art minor to work at NEX, Inc. in Salisbury, MD. During the past year she has held joint titles of database manager and executive editor of *Healthcare Trends & Transition*, a national magazine for graduating health care professionals.

'86

Stephanie Adams is completing of her master's degree in counseling psychology and is director of resident development for Mallard Bay Nursing and Rehabilitation in Cambridge, MD.

Nicholas Ferrara and Dave Repko '87 are investing in real estate in Cancun, Mexico, where they hope to relocate some day. In the meantime, Nicholas is vice president of Greggo and Ferrara, a highway construction company in New Castle, DE.

Eric and Victoria Fuchs Geringswald '88 live in Ridgewood, NY. Eric was named Manager of the Year by his employer, the Intercounty Clearance Co. Victoria is an assistant merchandiser for Calvin Klein. Her sister, Magdalena, is attending WC.

Charles "Chip" MacLeod became Kent County's county administrator in April.

Donald "Pete" Shafer is a consultant on the Public Affairs Council in Washington. He serves on the committees for Political Affairs and State Government Relations and is co-authoring *1992-93 Public Interest Profiles*.

Katherine White has begun her Ph.D studies. She has returned from Belgium where she worked for Smith Kline-Beecham.

'87

Marcia Waynant Patchan, a research chemist for Geo Centers, Inc., and her husband, Bob, bought a house in Columbia, MD.

'88

Bill Faust, an emergency medical technician in North Plainfield, NJ., has finished his clinical rotations as a National Registry Paramedic. This fall he will return to school for his master's degree in public administration.

William P. Jones, an Air Force Reserve medic and law student, was activated for a year in support of Operation Desert Storm. He wrote to WC from his base in Germany where he was assigned to fly missions to evacuate wounded from the Gulf.

Erin Soden Patterson is a family services administrator for the American Red Cross in Kansas City. This winter she was busy briefing units that were deployed with Operation Desert Shield.

Holly Walbert is working for Bell Atlantic in Arlington, VA, as a capital recovery analyst. Holly also is training for her private pilot's license.

Joanne "Jo" Wilson is happy with her work at the Delaware State Museum in Dover.

'89

Jeff Cessna was published in the fall 1990 issue of *Radioactivity &Radiochemistry*, a journal of applied measurements. Jeff is working at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Deaths

Leslie E. Timmons '26 of Salisbury, MD, and Millsboro, DE, died January 8, 1991. Mr. Timmons began teaching and coaching at Millsboro High School in 1926 and went on to become principal. The former supervisor of elementary education for Sussex County (DE) was state supervisor of elementary education when he retired. Mr. Timmons twice served as president of the WC Alumni Association. He is survived by a son, four granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

S. Russell Bozman '27 of Princess Anne, MD, died on February 24, 1991. Mr. Bozman taught at high schools on the Eastern Shore and in Southern New Jersey and he was principal of Deal Island High School for 22 years. After retiring as principal, he was head of the math department at Wicomico Junior High School and master teacher, training math majors from Salisbury State University. Mr. Bozman was active in civic affairs in both Somerset and Wicomico counties. He is survived by his wife, one son, one sister and two granddaughters.

J. Richard Burbage, Sr. -42 of Berlin, MD, died on February 10, 1991. Mr. Burbage was a WWII Army veteran and had been associated with several businesses in the Worcester Co./Southern Delaware areas. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, four sons and nine grandchildren.

Joseph C. Griffith -50 of Milford, DE, died on June 10, 1989.

Henry Flynn, Jr. '54 of Jefferson Twnshp., NJ, died on January 30, 1991. A teacher for 29 years, he was honored in 1990 at a testimonial by the Rochelle Park (NJ) Board of Education. Henry is survived by his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

William A. Renzi '62 of Milwaukee, WI, died on December 5, 1990. Bill was a specialist in diplomatic and military history and had taught at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee since 1969. He is survived by his mother and a sister.

CURRENTS

Trouts Find Washington College Is "The Right Place"

by Dr. Charles H. Trout

Nearly a year has gone by since Katherine and I crossed the town line on a steamy summer Sunday with high hopes and, to be honest, with a few anxieties. We wondered whether we could sustain the momentum that was generated during the Cater years. We wondered how we might mesh with faculty, students, the Board of Visitors and Governors, alumni, and friends of Washington College. We wondered about the challenges of the 1990s. We wondered what life would be like when we could no longer take refuge in claiming to be new kids on the block.

As I write, the cycle of our first academic year at Washington College has not yet quite run its full course, but we are close enough to the end to permit an unambiguous answer to the two questions most frequently asked of me — that is, do I like Chestertown, and do I like Washington College? Absolutely yes, and why not?

Week by week the campus looks ever more gorgeous, and on the day after Commencement we will take another gigantic aesthetic step by ripping out and then landscaping the parking lot behind Bill Smith and Bunting, thus forming an interior quadrangle. By the time the College opens next fall, it will be difficult to tell that Gibson Avenue once existed.

Week by week, I witness with ever-growing admiration the dedication of the faculty as they guide the Class of '91 through the completion of senior obligations and as they prepare the various scholarly and pedagogical projects they will pursue over the summer.

We have been talking a good deal about what it means to be a teacher/scholar in a liberal arts college primarily devoted to the education of undergraduates, and during the spring semester the faculty adopted new criteria for tenure and promotion, as well as new assessment procedures for younger faculty during their probationary period.

Excellent teaching remains the most significant criterion, but the faculty's sense of itself also includes an important place for scholarly pursuits. This is now to be more explicitly stated in the Faculty Handbook, and I take it to be a healthy sign.

With each passing day, I marvel increasingly at the energy of our students and their tendency to play multiple roles, which is one of the truly great attributes of a small college. The student one sees racing toward the goal in a field hockey game against Fairleigh Dickinson turns up next in her capacity as a Residential Adviser, then as a nail-pounding volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (the spirit of voluntarism at Washington College has never been stronger), then as a young scientist working on a research project in collaboration with a faculty mentor. So it is with the vibrant young men and women who make Washington College a very special place.

Nearly a year into my tenure, it is also important to say unhesitatingly how much I have come to admire and appreciate the alumni and friends who comprise our extended family. Indeed, it would be impossible for me to imagine that any college president has ever taken office with more expressions of good will than I have experienced. From summer crab feasts to autumnal bull roasts to receptions from Boston to Chicago, Katherine and I have wandered widely to make new friends. We have been buoyed by these deepening ties and wish to express our gratitude.

In short, we are convinced we came to the right place, and even though the first months have rushed by so rapidly that at times they seem blurred, a number of pleasant memories stand out — the College Plaza in front of Tawes and the Casey Academic Center alive with friends and well-wishers on Inauguration Day, Kirk Johnson's tribute to his grandfather at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, the Farmer's Market in Chestertown, a midnight candlelight march from the Elm to the waterfront as war broke out in the Gulf, Cain Gym bedecked for the Birthday Ball, the tribute to Al Decker and Jim Price as we celebrated the end of the Campaign for Excellence, the College Theater's production of Chekhov's "The Three Sisters," the christening of new racing shells, memorable lectures by visiting academics.

We are beginning to feel comfortable, settled, rooted. We are no longer new kids on the block. Want proof? We now know how to pick oysters and shuck crabs.

Dr. Charles H. Trout was inaugurated as twenty-fourth President of Washington College on October 6, 1990. He now calls the Eastern Shore "home."

College Events

May 25
Chestertown Tea Party

May 30
Boston Alumni Chapter's "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"
Orioles vs. the Red Sox, Fenway Park

June 16 - 22
Maryland Girls State

June 16 - 20
Washington College Status Camp

Monday, June 17
Summer Session graduate classes begin

June 23 - August 3
Maryland's Gifted and Talented program for Creative Writing in the Humanities, sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education

June 30 - July 4
Washington College Lacrosse Camp for boys aged 10-13

July 14 - 19
Washington College Tennis Camp for students aged 8-17

July 20
Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Crab Feast. For more information call Phil Heaver '81 at 215-230-8072

July 28
Baltimore Alumni Chapter Crab Feast. For more information call Rich Davison '78 at 301-366-7119

July 28 - August 9
Chemistry of Pyrolysis Conference, John A. Lindsay, Director

August 18
Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Crab Feast. For more information call the Alumni Office at 778-2800, ext. 365

August 19
Athletes, Residence Advisers and Peer Advisers return to campus

August 22
Freshmen and Transfer Students arrive on campus

August 26
First day of classes

August 29
Fall Convocation 7:30 p.m.

September 3
Conditional Sales begin

September 7
Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Lies Market, Campus Lawn

September 14
All-Alumni reunion reception, Brandywine River Museum, Chaddsford, PA. For more information call 800-125-1762, ext. 362

September 20-21
Alumni Council Retreat, Campus

September 21
Chestertown Candlelight Tour sponsored by the Kent County Historical Society

September 30
The Washington College Concert Series celebrates its 40th anniversary! Opening concert by the Juilliard String Quartet, Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

October 4
Second Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, Fort Valley, Hilltop City, MD. For more information call John Lowry '73 at 800-832-2818

October 18
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies

October 18-20
Alumni Fall Weekend

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PROFILE: 1991 marks Bonnie and Michael's Twenty-Fifth Reunion. Today, they are both lawyers and partners in the Baltimore firm of Gallagher, Evelius and Jones, and the parents of Stephen, age 15, and Robert, age 12.

BEST COLLEGE MEMORIES:
Mike: "Going to dances at the Armory or Lion's Club and dancing to the Admirals or Jazz Johnson. Riding my motorcycle or watching the river from the fire escape of my off-campus apartment."
Bonnie: "History of Art class with Norman James under the Elm, Stunt Night and Song Fest . . . I could go on forever."

WHY WE GIVE:
Mike: "I give because I value my college education and experience and because I believe my contributions make a difference. At a small school like Washington College every dollar and every interested alumnus counts."
Bonnie: "I want to give back to Washington College some small measure of what it gave to me. It is very important that schools such as Washington College continue a liberal arts tradition."

ON TWENTY-FIVE YEARS:
Mike: "At the time I graduated, I thought I would be teaching English at the College in twenty-five years. I am looking forward to seeing old friends at Reunion, exchanging stories (all true) and having a few laughs."
Bonnie: "I really had no idea what I'd be doing two weeks after graduation, let alone twenty-five years. I always love to come back to Chestertown. I hope a lot of our classmates come back for Reunion, so that we can catch up on the last twenty-five years!"